

# DAVIDSON

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## **A MIX OF MODERN AMERICA AND SHAKESPEARE FOR EDINBURGH FRINGE**

The tease. The drunk. The heartbroken beauty. Catching the train to somewhere, or nowhere?

Mix a creative team from the Royal Shakespeare Company with young performers from a leading American liberal arts college, and the result is a moving and at times hilarious contemporary American interpretation of the songs and sonnets of William Shakespeare. INFINITE VARIETY will appear at The Rocket @ DeMarco Roxy Art House from Aug. 3-17 at 17:00 (no show Aug. 14).

Originally directed at Davidson College by RSC Assistant Director Gemma Fairlie, INFINITE VARIETY is a cabaret of Shakespeare's most beloved songs and sonnets, featuring the works of Quilter, Rossini, Finzi, and Pilkington. The performers sing and sonnetize about love and friendship, drink and debauchery-set in the crossroads of a New York City subway station. Music lovers and Shakespeare fans alike will enjoy INFINITE VARIETY, at The Rocket @ DeMarco Roxy Art House from Aug. 3-17 at 17:00 (no show Aug. 14).

Davidson College is also offering FOR EVERY PASSION SOMETHING, an exploration of modern love and family through scenes from *Romeo and Juliet*, *Twelfth Night*, *Measure for Measure*, *Henry IV, part one*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Claudio is on Death Row. Juliet lives in the White House. Prince Hal is under siege in the streets of L.A. This multimedia production is underscored by original, live, electronic music, composed and performed by students. The result is theatre that is unexpected, powerful, funny, and at times, heartbreaking. Also at The Rocket @ DeMarco Roxy Art House from Aug. 3-17 at 17:45 (no show Aug. 14).

## **THE RSC AT DAVIDSON**

Davidson College and the Royal Shakespeare Company began a partnership in 2002 with a two-week educational and performance residency that included the RSC production of *The Merchant of Venice*. The RSC returned to Davidson in 2005 with a repertory bill of *Julius Caesar* and *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, as well as extensive campus and community outreach. RSC Residencies at Davidson continue through 2008-09, in the company's only such relationship with an American educational institution. For more information: [www.davidson.edu/shakespeare](http://www.davidson.edu/shakespeare).

## **DAVIDSON COLLEGE**

Located in North Carolina, USA, Davidson College is a highly selective liberal arts college for 1,600 students, founded in 1837. The college has graduated 23 Rhodes Scholars and is consistently ranked among America's leading liberal arts colleges. Davidson offers rigorous academics and world class facilities for excellence in the arts and sciences, within a community bound by compassion and honor. The Dean Rusk International Studies Program is the centerpiece of an institutional commitment to world citizenship. Davidson directs twelve programs for international study, including one in Cambridge, England, and encourages its students to explore the world through generous grants for study, service, and travel. [www.davidson.edu](http://www.davidson.edu)

The Edinburgh Festival  
**fringe**

**INFINITE VARIETY 17:00** Tickets: £5.00 (£4.00) Previews: £4.00 (£3.00)

**FOR EVERY PASSION SOMETHING 17:45** Tickets: £8.00 (£6.00)  
Previews: £6.00 (£4.00)

**BARGAIN: Both shows £10.00** August 3-17 (not Aug. 14)

Venue: The Rocket @ DeMarco Roxy Art House  
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