

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Media Contact:**

**Evelyn Reidy, Director of Communications**

**Chicago Youth Shakespeare, Inc.**

[evelyn@chicagoyouthshakespeare.org](mailto:evelyn@chicagoyouthshakespeare.org)

**(630) 272-1550**

**ACCLAIMED PROFESSIONAL ACTORS SHARE THE STAGE WITH  
EMERGING YOUNG ARTISTS IN CHICAGO YOUTH SHAKESPEARE'S**

## ***KING LEAR***

**DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> AT THE EDGE THEATER**

**Chicago, IL (October 30, 2019)** — Reserve seats now for Chicago Youth Shakespeare's *King Lear*, December 30th, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Edge Theater, 5451 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60640.

Distinguished theatre professionals collaborate with young artists and alumni of the Chicago Youth Shakespeare (CYS) Ensemble in a one-night-only, staged reading of *KING LEAR*, directed by Louis Fantasia of the Los Angeles Shakespeare Center.

**Featuring David Lively\* as King Lear**

**with Demetrios Troy\* as Gloucester, Lawrence Grimm\* as Kent, and Dexter Zollicoffer\* as The Fool**

\*Appearing courtesy of Actors Equity. View the full cast [HERE](#).

Proceeds from this one-night-only event will benefit Chicago Youth Shakespeare (CYS) programs for the coming year, ensuring their continued accessibility for students and young artists of every background and income level.

**About Chicago Youth Shakespeare:** Chicago Youth Shakespeare (CYS) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to putting Shakespeare's timeless works into the hands of 21st-century teenagers. In just six years, CYS programs have connected over 8000 Chicago area students with Shakespeare and with each other. CYS is committed to providing a safe space for young artists of all backgrounds, and to fostering a diverse community of creative and compassionate global citizens. The Chicago Youth Shakespeare Ensemble is the organization's flagship program, bringing together talented high school artists from across the city and suburbs to form Chicago's only all-teen, performing Shakespeare company. To learn more about CYS programs and upcoming events, please visit us online at [www.chicagoyouthshakespeare.org](http://www.chicagoyouthshakespeare.org).

**RESERVE SEATS NOW** for this one-night-only benefit reading of *KING LEAR*, **December 30th, 2019 at 7:00pm at The Edge Theater**, 5451 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60640. Reservations\*: \$35 (Students) | \$75 (Adults) | \$125 (Evening Sponsors). Estimated run-time: 2 hours with intermission. Meet the artists and celebrate at a dessert reception immediately following the performance. \*Suggestion donation. Tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

**To reserve seats and learn more, please visit:** [http://bit.ly/CYS\\_LEAR](http://bit.ly/CYS_LEAR).

**Questions and media requests, please contact** **CYS Director of Communications, Evelyn Reidy**, at [evelyn@chicagoyouthshakespeare.org](mailto:evelyn@chicagoyouthshakespeare.org).

###