

New Orleans Shakespeare Festival marks 25th season

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Julia DeLois as Helena in “All's Well That Ends Well,” the season opener of the 2018 New Orleans Shakespeare Festival at Tulane. (Photo by 2nd Story Creative)

The New Orleans Shakespeare Festival at Tulane will open its 25th summer season with Shakespeare’s comedy *All’s Well That Ends Well* for the first time in its history.

Helena, a poor orphan, has her sights set on Bertram, who is the son of a countess. Despite his disinterest in Helena, her efforts to woo and win him as he goes off to war lead to a romantic goose chase that’s heavy on dark comedy.

The show's director, Amy Holtcamp, has directed noteworthy productions across the country and currently serves on the faculty at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts.

"One of the things I like best about the play is that it is filled with women who all like each other, stand by each other, and help one another," said Holtcamp. "It's unusual to see that in a modern script, let alone a play from hundreds of years ago. It's also immensely funny."

The show features some of the region's most celebrated actors, including Liann Pattison - award-winning actress and Broadway veteran, and her real-life husband Silas Cooper - head of NOCCA's Drama Department. The show also stars NOLA Project company members Alex Ates and A.J. Allegra. The full cast list is available [here](#).

Performances will take place on June 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. and at 1:30 p.m. on June 3, 10 and 17.

Tickets range from \$20-\$30 with discounts available for students, teachers, seniors and Tulane employees.

For more information about the show click [here](#).