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Dear English and Theatre Instructors,

I am pleased to be able to write to you about upcoming educational programming available from the Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company.

Enclosed here you will find a brochure outlining available classroom workshops conducted by our outstanding teaching artists. We offer workshops for both English and Theater classrooms, featuring performance by our actors and interactive exercises for your students. We feel that live performance is integral to students' understanding of Shakespeare and are happy to be able to bring our love and knowledge of Shakespeare and his plays to Michigan classrooms.

During the spring of 2010, we will offer another exciting way for your students to see live performances of one of Shakespeare's plays. In partnership with the Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts in Muskegon, we will offer two high school matinees of our production of *Hamlet*. These performances will take place on April 27 and 28, 2010, at 10 a.m., in the Frauenthal Center's Beardsley Theater, located at 425 West Western Avenue in Muskegon.

Tickets to these matinees will be \$5 per person for all school groups, plus a \$5 processing fee per group. The performances will last 90 minutes, and will be followed by a question and answer session with the actors.

The Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company's performance style is lively and interactive, featuring live music, fast-paced action, and actors speaking directly to the audience. Our production will actively engage students in Hamlet's struggles, bringing to life the story that many students only encounter on the pages of a book.

Reservations for these performances are available exclusively through the Frauenthal Center box office. To make reservations, please contact box office representative Scott Lange at 231-727-8001. You will need to provide the total number in your group (including at least 1 adult chaperone per 25 students), contact information (phone number and e-mail address), and a credit card number to hold the reservations. You may choose to pay by check at a later date, but you must provide a credit card number at the time you make reservations.

The deadline for reservations to these performances is March 26, 2010. Please be aware that reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, and that available seats may be gone before that deadline! Final payment for your seats, either by check or credit card, must be received at the Frauenthal Box Office by April 12.

Once you have made your reservations, we will contact you to provide a study guide and instructions for school bus parking and other other logistical concerns.

We look forward to helping you bring Shakespeare to your students this semester!

Sincerely,

Katherine Mayberry, Executive Director, the Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company

