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**Tri-Valley Summer Vacation Packages Offers Opera and Shakespeare
Under the Stars in Wine Country**

***—Two Exclusive Packages Entice Visitors with Vineyard Performances,
Food, Wine & Overnight Stay for Two—***

PLEASANTON, CA - June 27, 2011- The Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) <http://www.trivalleycvb.com/>, a marketing organization dedicated to promoting a five-city region in San Francisco's East Bay, today announced that the 'Bard & Bravo Package' joins the popular 'Shakespeare in the Vineyards Package' this summer—providing two affordable and romantic get-away choices for travelers this summer.

Two classic performances, one weekend in wine country

The Livermore Shakespeare Festival and Livermore Valley Opera (LVO) have teamed up to offer the perfect option for travelers seeking a full weekend of entertainment among the vineyards, with the 'Bard & Bravo Package.' It includes two tickets to the Livermore Shakespeare Festival's production of *The Tragedy of Macbeth* in a gorgeous outdoor setting under the stars at Concannon Vineyard on Saturday, July 30, 2011 and admission to Livermore Valley Opera's *Bard & Bravo Festival* at Retzlaff Vineyards on Sunday, July 31, 2011. Also included is one overnight stay at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Livermore, two bottles of Livermore Valley wine and wine tasting coupons at select Livermore Valley wineries—for \$259.

(<http://www.hotellivermore.com/html/livermore-ca-hotel-manager-special.asp>)

This is the first year Livermore Shakespeare Festival has joined with the LVO to offer this package for visitors. The intimate venues offer spectators a truly unique way to experience performances.

"Opera in the Vineyard has been going on almost as long as the Opera in Livermore—nineteen years for Opera in the Vineyard compared to 20 for LVO. It takes down the barrier that usually exists between and audience and the performers. You really feel like they are singing for you at this intimate event," said Teri Tith, vice president & Opera In the Vineyards 2011 chair.

Livermore Shakespeare Package

Annual favorite, The Livermore Shakespeare Festival, is back for another season with the 'Shakespeare in the Vineyards Package.' An exciting San Francisco Bay Area option that's indulgent but affordable, the package includes two tickets to the Livermore Shakespeare Festival in the gorgeous outdoor setting under the stars at Concannon Vineyard, along with an overnight stay at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Livermore—for \$229 (<http://www.hotellivermore.com/html/ca-hotel-Shakespeare-Festival-pkg.asp>).

As the sun sets in the vineyard and the play begins, 'Shakespeare in the Vineyard Package' customers will be treated to a picnic for two. Available June 30-July 31, 2011, the special also includes: a gourmet picnic provided by Barbara Llewellyn Catering for Underdog Wine Bar, a bottle of Concannon wine, a full hot buffet breakfast, complimentary wine tasting at select wineries, as well as a Livermore Downtown Guest Pass for discounts at participating businesses in the charming, historic downtown shopping district.

Available Thursday through Sunday, package customers can opt to see either Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, or Ken Ludwig's *Lend Me a Tenor*.

"This summer we look at both tragic and comic results of being seduced by ambition. In Shakespeare's powerful and soul-searching *Macbeth*, a brave warrior, yielding to ambition, kills his own king. In Ken Ludwig's hilarious *Lend Me A Tenor*, ambitious opera singers tangle with an assortment of would-be lovers while waiters burst into song." Lisa Tromovitch, Producing Artistic Director.

For more information about the Livermore Shakespeare Festival, including how to purchase individual tickets, please visit <http://www.livermoreshakes.org/>.

For more information about the Livermore Valley Opera, including how to purchase individual tickets, please visit <http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com>.

About the Tri-Valley, California Convention & Visitors Bureau

The Tri-Valley, California Convention & Visitors Bureau is the destination marketing organization for the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville and the surrounding region. It markets Tri-Valley, California as a preferred destination for visitors, meetings, and events by promoting CVB member businesses and bringing overnight visitors to the region, to increase awareness of and measurable spending to Tri-Valley, California. For more information, please visit <http://www.trivalleycvb.com/>.

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