

Stratford Presents

The Stratford Festival will present eight plays this year. Previews will begin June 4, the official season on June 15. The last performances will be on October 31. Brian Bedford, Len Cariou and William Hutt will be among the Festival's stars; Jean Gascon, Leon Major, Peter Dews and Brian Bedford will be among the directors.

The season will open with *Coriolanus*, *The Taming of the Shrew* and Molière's *The Misanthrope* at the Festival Theatre, and *H.M.S. Pinafore* at the Avon Theatre. *The Comedy of Errors* will be presented at the Festival Theatre beginning in mid-season. At the Avon, Sheridan's *The Rivals* and Frederick Dürrenmatt's *The Visit* will open in August and John O'Keefe's *Wild Oats* will open in September.

Opening Dates

H.M.S. Pinafore, directed by Leon Major and starring Eric Donkin, June 15 to August 9 (previews start June 4).

The Misanthrope, directed by Jean Gascon and starring Brian Bedford, June 15 to September 27 (previews start June 10).

Coriolanus, directed by Brian Bedford and starring Len Cariou, June 16 to September 5 (previews start June 5).

The Taming of the Shrew, directed by Peter Dews and starring Len Cariou, June 17 to October 31 (previews start June 6).



Stratford's classically formal Festival Theatre was designed especially for Shakespeare's plays.

The Rivals, directed by Brian Bedford and starring Pat Galloway and Nicholas Pennell, August 8 to October 31 (previews start August 4).

The Comedy of Errors, directed by Peter Dews, August 14 to October 31 (previews start August 12).

The Visit, directed by Jean Gascon and starring William Hutt, August 15 to October 4 (previews start August 13).

Wild Oats, starring Eric Donkin, September 25 to October 31 (previews start September 23).

The box office at Stratford is open to ticket buyers in person, through the mails, or by phone.

The address is Box 520, Stratford, Ontario, N5A 6V2. The phone number is (519) 273-1600 (after April 25).



The tent-like Festival Theatre at Stratford.