

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY

Councilor Sharon Durkan

Be It Resolved, that the Boston City Council Commends the 30th Anniversary of:

Commonwealth Shakespeare Company

WHEREAS, Co-founders Steve Maler and Joan Moynagh began Commonwealth Shakespeare Company in 1996 with a belief that the works of William Shakespeare and classical theater should be accessible to all regardless of financial means with the first free performance of *Midsummer Night's Dream* in Copley Square; *and*

WHEREAS, Following this success, CSC began performing annually at the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common. These performances welcome upwards of 50,000 people each summer and have reached over 1.5 million audience members over the past 30 years, breaking down socioeconomic barriers to the arts and revitalizing Boston Common as a vibrant center for community gathering with accessibility at the center; *and*

WHEREAS, Beyond Shakespeare on the Common, CSC has demonstrated a deep partnership with the City of Boston and Boston Parks and Recreation through impactful educational initiatives, artistic mentorship programs, and year-round productions that inspire the next generation of theatergoers and creators; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: The Boston City Council officially commends the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company on achieving this remarkable 30-year milestone and encourages City of Boston residents to patronize CSC through August 9, 2026 and for decades to come. Break a leg!



By: Elizabeth Breason
President of the City Council

Attest: Alan Guintas
Clerk of the City of Boston

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Date: _____