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**RIVERSIDE THEATRE ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS/INTERVIEWS FOR
2012 SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL APPRENTICE COMPANY**

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Riverside Theatre announces auditions and interviews for its 2012 Shakespeare Festival Apprentice Company on Saturday, February 4. Full-time apprenticeships are open to undergraduate, graduate students or others seeking a professional experience in the areas of acting, directing and stage management. Interested applicants should schedule an audition (actors) or interview (directing and stage management positions) at Riverside Theatre on Saturday, February 4, 2012 beginning at 12:30 p.m. by calling 319-338-7672. Complete information on the Apprentice program and application requirements is available at www.riversidetheatre.org.

The Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival hires a company of 14 professional actors as well as a 10-member Apprentice Company to produce two classical plays which run in repertory. 2012 will mark the Festival's 13th season in Lower City Park, and will feature productions of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* and *The Merchant of Venice*. The 8-week apprentice contract period is May 15- July 9. All apprentices receive \$75/week as well as housing for non-local interns. Training includes weekly master classes with company members and guest artists.

For more information, please refer to www.riversidetheatre.org or e-mail Jody Hovland, artistic director, at artistic@riversidetheatre.org.

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