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SHAKESPEARE ON THE SOUND
TO RELEASE RECORDING OF
TONY AWARD-WINNER STEW'S MUSIC FOR
"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

**PERFORMANCES BEGIN THIS WEEK
IN CONNECTICUT**

Norwalk, CT – **Shakespeare on the Sound**, Connecticut's premier outdoor summer theatre company presenting free Shakespeare in the park, has announced that it will release a studio recording of the brand new, specially commissioned music by 2008 Tony Award-winning singer-songwriter **Stew** for Artistic Director **Joanna Settle's** inaugural production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The recording is expected to have 15 tracks, featuring 5 all new songs by **Stew**. The CD will be available for pre-sale at all performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. A release date is scheduled for July 21, 2009.

"My music is there to serve Shake's work and Joanna's work and to support their profound magic," commented **Stew**. "I'd like the audience to feel like this work is somehow relevant to their lives and not some fanciful bit of theatrical whimsy. I think this is what any artist wants an audience member to feel about their work: its relevance." Artistic Director **Settle** added, "Stew is a dream to collaborate with! The music he's composed weaves through the evening with heart-opening beauty and intelligence. *Shakespeare on the Sound* is thrilled to be able to offer our audience a bit of the summer night's magic to take home with them."

Settle's site-specific production will be presented at two beautiful locations on the Long Island Sound: June 16-28 in Pinkney Park, Rowayton and July 4-12 in Baldwin Park, Greenwich. Audiences are invited to arrive early and picnic in the park before the performance. There is no admission fee, but a donation of \$20 (\$10 for students and seniors) is suggested. In Rowayton, parking is limited and early arrival is suggested. In Greenwich, the production is less than a five minute walk from the Greenwich Metro-North stop. Ample parking is available.

A Midsummer Night's Dream is choreographed by **David Neumann** and is designed by **Andrew Lieberman**, with sound design by **Obadiah Eaves** and lighting design by **Adam Silverman**.

A Midsummer Night's Dream will be performed Tuesdays – Sundays at 7:30 p.m. For rail and road directions, visit www.shakespeareonthesound.org. This production is being presented with the support of the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism.

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