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### Shakespeare Coming to Midtown Crossing

Omaha, Neb. – The world’s most famous “star crossed lovers” are coming to Midtown Crossing, Omaha’s boldest and most progressive urban development. Professional theater company Nebraska Shakespeare will kick off its Fall Educational Tour with preview performances of *Romeo and Juliet* in Turner Park the weekend of October 1.

“The kickoff weekend at Midtown Crossing is a wonderful opportunity for families in the community to experience the lively production and enjoy musical pre-show entertainment,” said Mary Ann Bamber, Executive Director, Nebraska Shakespeare. “This is a smaller scale, intimate version of what we stage during Shakespeare on the Green and specifically designed for school performances.”

Nebraska Shakespeare, a non-profit now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year, is best known for its nationally-acclaimed Shakespeare on the Green productions held in Elmwood park. This is the company’s fifth touring season. During the month of October, players will perform an abridged version of *Romeo and Juliet* in middle and high schools across Nebraska and Western Iowa.

“The abridged, 70-minute performance is perfect for the Turner Park venue,” said Bamber.

Preview performances of *Romeo and Juliet* will be held in Turner Park on Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 p.m. (Live pre-show music will begin approximately 45 minutes before each performance.) The productions will feature six professional teaching artists who perform multiple roles and conduct a post performance “talk back” session with the audience.

“It’ll be a ‘mid-fall night’s dream’ here at Midtown Crossing,” said Molly Skold, marketing director for East Campus Realty, LLC, the Mutual of Omaha subsidiary developing Midtown Crossing. “Like Jazz on the Green and our Outdoor Market, these preview performances are another great opportunity for the community to come see what we’ve done with Turner Park, spread out a blanket, unwind and be entertained.”

Midtown Crossing at Turner Park is urban living redefined, a 15-acre, mixed-use urban development in the heart of Omaha's historic Midtown neighborhood. Built around an expanded and revitalized Turner Park, the million-square-foot development includes nearly 500 condominium and apartment units as well as more than 220,000 square feet for restaurants, retailers and entertainment venues along with parking for more than 3,000 vehicles.

For more information about Midtown Crossing, please visit our newly-designed web site, [www.midtowncrossing.com](http://www.midtowncrossing.com) or contact Molly Skold at (402) 598-9676 or [Molly.Skold@mutualofomaha.com](mailto:Molly.Skold@mutualofomaha.com).

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