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“Shakespeare Aloud” Moves to University Art Museum September 26

LONG BEACH, California —The Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center’s free Arts for Life series “Shakespeare Aloud” will resume inside a new home when it returns for the 2015-16 season on Sept. 26. The University Art Museum will host the popular series inside its newly renovated Permanent Collection Gallery.

In “Shakespeare Aloud,” the Carpenter Center presents a free reading of each of Shakespeare’s 37 plays, one per month until the canon is complete. Attendees can either read from the plays or listen. The complete list of plays and dates can be found at carpenterarts.org/free.

The venue change comes after two years spent at CSULB Theatre Arts.

“We’ve had two great years with Theatre Arts,” Education Coordinator Amanda Meek said. “Now that the UAM’s Permanent Collection Gallery has a new space, though, it seemed like the perfect place moving forward. Shakespeare’s poetry will sound great given the collection’s bare floors, and the sun-lit walls and high ceilings will create a wonderful atmosphere for these timeless plays.”

Attendees can also enjoy the museum’s exhibitions following each reading, all of which is free.

“We are really excited to be hosting “Shakespeare Aloud” in partnership with the Carpenter Center,” University Art Museum Interim Director Brian Trimble said. “The new gallery will be a perfect stage for Shakespeare, and being able to share our space and our collection with a new audience is an honor.”

In September, “Shakespeare Aloud” enters its third season with its 21st event. “As You Like It,” one of Shakespeare’s most frequently performed comedies, will be read. The play follows the travails of Rosalind as

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she escapes her uncle's persecution and eventually finds love. It also includes the famous soliloquy "All the World's a Stage."

Doors open at 10:45 a.m. and the reading begins at 11 a.m.

Reservations are encouraged for this free event; visit CarpenterArts.org or call the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000. This series is made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3-FM.

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