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**WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS TWO SHAKESPEARE
PLAYS IN NOVEMBER 2005 AND APRIL 2006**

Westchester Community College is presenting a new series, *Shakespeare Unplugged*, featuring two of the bard's beloved masterworks. *Hamlet*, performed by the Aquila Theatre Company of London, will be presented on Saturday, November 19, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. and *The Taming of The Shrew* with the National Players will be performed on Sunday, April 30, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. Both will be presented in the Academic Arts Theatre.

Prior to the presentation of the play on November 19 (ticket prices below), there will be a free pre-show lecture on Shakespeare's *Hamlet* at 7:00 p.m. The lecture is open to the public and no reservations are necessary. This engagement of *Hamlet* is a Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation Tour, funded by the Foundation in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program.

Hamlet is arguably Shakespeare's greatest play. Written in 1602, it is one of the most complete portrayals of the human psyche that exists in western literature. A compelling tale of familial discord, personal ambition, love and revenge, *Hamlet* has enthralled audiences for 400 years. Aquila's productions of Shakespeare have been acclaimed by *The New Yorker* as "beautifully spoken, dramatically revealing and crystalline in effect." *The New York Times* says Aquila "makes Shakespeare perfectly comprehensible" and hails the company as "an extraordinarily inventive and disciplined outfit."

Tickets for either *Hamlet* (November 19) or *The Taming of The Shrew* (April 30) are \$20 general admission and \$18 for children/students/seniors. For tickets and information on this series or on many of the other exciting cultural events, please call 914-606-6262.

