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Press Release

National Players' new Production of "The Taming of the Shrew"

Guthrie Performing Arts Center in the Sayre Theatre

Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 7:30 PM

Tickets are \$15 & \$13. Purchase tickets on line at www.bcrac.org or call 570-268-ARTS (2787) to reserve tickets

National Players' Tour 63 enchants Guthrie Performing Arts Center in the Sayre Theatre on Thursday, October 21 with its new production of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*.

The Bradford County Regional Arts Council's Nightlife on the Susquehanna begins the 2011-2012 season with an encore appearance of the National Players. Tickets for the performance are \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors and students. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.bcrac.org or by calling the BCRAC at 570.268.2787.

One of the best-loved "Battle of the Sexes" is back, with a Wild West flare! Cowboy boots, whips, and lassos give a biting punch to this classic. Sparring lovers Kate and Petruchio duke it out on the western frontier. Will they ride off into the sunset or die tryin'? The verbal duel never stops as National Players presents one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies. Giddyup!

Founded in 1949, National Players is America's longest running touring company. Comprised of young professional actors, each year the company travels throughout the country performing two plays in repertory – one Shakespearean play and one dramatic classic. National Players has performed in the East Wing of the White House; in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East for American military; and throughout 40 states. Committed to the development of young theatrical talent and audiences, National Players' tours celebrate the experience of theatergoing by presenting the world's greatest dramatic literature.

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The cast for *The Taming of the Shrew* includes Alex Christine Highsmith (Kate), Casey Hoekstra (Lucentio), Patrick Hogan (Petruchio), Mat Leonard (Vincentio), Eryn O'Sullivan (Bianca), Michael Pettey (Tranio), Sam Rabinovitz (Gremio), Marcus Salley (Baptista), Spenser Smith (Biondello/Widow/Curtis), Chad Tallon (Grumio/Pedant), and Brian Vaughn (Hortensio).

The Bradford County Regional Arts Council (BCRAC) is an arts service organization committed to supporting arts and culture throughout the region. For more information, visit BCRAC online at www.bcrac.org. For more information about The National Players, visit us at www.nationalplayers.org.

Attached Photo: Patrick Hogan as Petruchio and Alex Highsmith as Kate in The National Players production of *The Taming of the Shrew*, directed by Clay Hopper. Photo by Madeleine Russell.

More information at <http://www.bcrac.org> or www.nationalplayers.org

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