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“Hamlet” is arguably the best play ever written. It is the most produced, most discussed, and best-known work of literature, not just in the English-speaking world, but in the entire world. There is something in this character that strikes a deep chord of recognition in all of us.

The Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre was founded as the Red Heel Theatre in 1989, initially focusing on classic works of English theatre. In 1993, Carmen Khan became the artistic director of Red Heel and in 1996 focused the company's efforts on the works of Shakespeare, renaming it the Philadelphia Shakespeare Festival. Since that time, the festival has produced over 30 plays, reached over 30,000 high school students and nearly 70,000 adult audience members.

In 2008-09, the company decided to re-brand and rename the company to better reflect its programming. It now has several programs for adults and students including a lecture series featuring world-renowned Shakespearean scholars, Shakespeare School Tour which also tours in schools, and a Classical Acting Academy providing early career actors with intense classical training culminating in a free summer Shakespeare play for the public.

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In the summer of 2008, Philadelphia City Council passed a resolution honoring the Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre for excellence in performance and educational programming, recognizing