



Philomath Films' award-winning documentary Shakespeare Behind Bars will be shown in the Buchan Reception Room at 7 pm on Monday, January 18th, at First Unitarian Church, 1011 SW 12th. Curt Tofteland will be present to talk and answer questions. A lively dialogue will ensue! A benefit for Shakespeare Behind Bars. Suggested donation: \$8. No one turned away.



Curt Tofteland is the founder of Shakespeare Behind Bars, which facilitates 10 programs for juvenile and adult offenders behind and beyond bars in Kentucky and Michigan.

A trailer for the film can be seen at:
www.shakespearebehindbars.org/documentary/

Shakespeare Behind Bars: Take Shakespeare's final play *The Tempest* with its violent seas, windswept island, crucial connection to nature, and underlying theme of forgiveness, and bring it into a prison, the ultimate venue of confinement. The result is an extraordinary story about the creative process and the power of art to heal and redeem--in a place where the very act of participation in theatre is a human triumph and a means of personal liberation.

In Hank Rogerson's revelatory trip into and around this prison production, we embark on a year-long journey with the Shakespeare Behind Bars theatre troupe. Led by director Curt Tofteland, the prisoners cast themselves in roles reflecting their personal history and fate. Their individual stories, including accounts of their crimes, are interwoven with the plot of *The Tempest* as they delve deeply into the characters they portray while confronting their personal demons.

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