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One of Shakespeare's greatest tragedies, "King Lear", plays at Wichita Community Theatre

WICHITA, Kan. -- Wichita Community Theatre will present Shakespeare's "King Lear", April 19 – May 6. King Lear decides to step down from the throne and divide his kingdom evenly among his three daughters. First, however, he puts his daughters through a test, asking each to tell him how much she loves him. Goneril and Regan, Lear's older daughters, give their father flattering answers. But Cordelia, Lear's youngest and favorite daughter, remains silent, saying that she has no words to describe how much she loves her father. Lear flies into a rage and disowns Cordelia.

Lear quickly learns that he made a bad decision. Goneril and Regan swiftly begin to undermine the little authority that Lear still holds. Unable to believe that his beloved daughters are betraying him, Lear slowly goes insane. He flees his daughters' houses to wander on a heath.

Memorable quotes - 'How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child.'

'Blow winds and crack your cheeks! Rage, blow, you cataracts and hurricanoes'

'I am a man more sinned against than sinning'

Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$12/\$10 military/senior/students. There is a special opening night ticket price of \$8 for all on April 19 only. Call for reservations 686-1282. Wichita Community Theatre is located at 258 N. Fountain.

Wichita Community Theatre is an all-volunteer, non-profit community theatre organization established by Mary Jane Teall in 1946. We perform 8 shows a year plus various special events. More information about the theatre is available at: [www.wichitact.org](http://www.wichitact.org).

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