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10 Must-See Free Summer Shows in New York City

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Free theater is a cherished summertime tradition in New York City — one that not only highlights established exceptional talent but also showcases stars on the rise. Here's our guide to the best shows on offer in 2017, both indoor and outdoor, Shakespeare and beyond. Spend your summer catching these shows right here in Manhattan or in your local borough:

#7 *Measure for Measure* and *Henry IV, Part 1* — Hip to Hip Theatre Company (July 25-August 20)

Touching on themes of justice and mercy, *Measure for Measure*, about an authoritarian judge in Vienna, is one of Shakespeare's most difficult yet rewarding plays. As always, Hip to Hip will crisscross the city, taking the show to 12 parks in all five boroughs. As if that weren't enough, they're presenting the show in repertory with *Henry IV, Part 1*, Shakespeare's history of the rebellious Prince Hal. The two plays should pair well.



Holly Chou and Michael Hinton starred in the 2016 Hip to Hip Theatre production of *Julius Caesar*.
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