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**Unique Theatrical Mother-Daughter Duo is the Perfect Thing to Bring Your Mom for Mother’s Day: South Stream Productions Presents Shakespeare's *King Lear***

**Raleigh, NC** – South Stream Productions is proud to announce its 9th theatrical endeavor: William Shakespeare’s *King Lear*, opening Friday, May 2, 2025, at The Ridge (2011 Ridge Rd., Raleigh). This highly anticipated production stars local mother-daughter duo - with Julie Oliver as Lear and Chloe Oliver as Cordelia and The Fool.

**Performance Schedule:**

* **Opening Night:** Friday, May 2, 2025
* **Additional Performances:** May 3-4, May 9-11, May 16-18
* **Tickets:** Pay what you want (suggested cost: $25). Available February 28, 2025 at [southstreamproductions.com](http://southstreamproductions.com).

Following the success of their 2024 production of *Twelfth Night* — which earned accolades from regional outlets like *Chatham Life and Style* and *Cultural Voice of NC* — South Stream Productions is delving into one of Shakespeare’s most complex and resonant tragedies. This year’s staging of *King Lear* offers an innovative approach to the classic text, exploring the profound connection between the truth, betrayal, justice, and forgiveness.

**The Oliver Dynamic:** Mother -Julie Oliver and her daughter Chloe bring their off-stage bond to the forefront of this Shakespearean masterpiece. "There’s a depth of history and love in our relationship that will bring unparalleled authenticity to the roles," says Julie Oliver. Chloe adds, "We hope this production resonates deeply, especially for those with strained relationships. The beauty of truth is that it’s timeless."

The two actors share a rich history of collaboration, having previously worked together in productions like *Hair* and *Oh, What a Lovely War*. Their dynamic promises to elevate *King Lear* with a raw emotional authenticity and depth that only a real-life bond can achieve.

**Why *King Lear*?** "South Stream Productions doesn’t stage plays every year—we select projects when we believe we have something unique to offer," says North. "With *Lear*, we saw an opportunity to push boundaries and create something unforgettable. The play is messy, complicated, and beautifully human. It speaks to themes of justice, love, betrayal, and forgiveness that remain as relevant today as they were in Shakespeare’s time."

**A Fresh Perspective:** Director/Producer Brook North promises a *Lear* unlike any other. "I’m particularly fascinated by the impact of Chloe Oliver doubling as Cordelia and The Fool. Historically, there’s speculation that these roles were originally played by the same actor. We’re embracing that idea to explore whether The Fool could be a manifestation of Lear’s guilt and conscience—a mocking echo of his rejection of Cordelia. The interplay between these two roles, and the unique connection Chloe brings to both, will offer audiences an emotionally charged and thought-provoking experience."

**A Production Worth Seeing:** Julie Oliver, a seasoned performer, brings passion and gravitas to Lear’s tragic journey. "I hope to bring a mother’s passion, love, and righteous anger to the role. And, hopefully, most of the lines—in the correct order," Julie jokes. Chloe Oliver’s versatility as both Cordelia and The Fool will challenge audiences to see the play’s characters in a new light, blending humor, pathos, and emotional complexity.

**Why You Should Attend:** For those who may think Shakespeare is dull, Chloe offers a nudge: "Shakespeare might occasionally be boring, but Julie and I never are. And have you seen the rest of this incredible cast and crew? Get off the fence and buy a ticket!"

**Details:**

* **What:** *King Lear* by William Shakespeare, presented by South Stream Productions
* **Where:** The Ridge, 2011 Ridge Rd., Raleigh, NC
* **When:** May 2-18, 2025
* **Tickets:** Pay what you want (suggested cost: $25). Available at [southstreamproductions.com](http://southstreamproductions.com).

Join South Stream Productions for a theatrical experience that promises to be heartfelt, innovative, and unforgettable. With its daring interpretation and amazing performances, this *King Lear* is set to captivate audiences and spark meaningful conversations long after the final curtain.

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**About South Stream Productions**
South Stream Productions is a Raleigh-based theatre company dedicated to bringing innovative and meaningful interpretations of classic and contemporary works to the stage. Known for its intimate and thought-provoking productions, the company prides itself on quality storytelling and community engagement.