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The Shakespeare Festival St. Louis performed the tragedy “Macbeth” for almost 400 Poplar Bluff High School English students on Thursday, March 14, in the Tinnin Center at Three Rivers College.

Directed and adapted by Joanna Battles, the free William Shakespeare play was part of the acting company’s 2019 education tour made possible through a Monsanto Fund grant.

Following the condensed hour-long performance, the five-person acting team held a Q&A with the students in attendance. Asked about ad-lib, actor Ted Drury responded: “The only real mistakes in theater are the ones you admit to. Theater is a team sport.”

The field trip was arranged by communication arts teacher Jennie Randolph, who reached out to tour management after learning that the traveling production is open to underserved rural parts of the state, in addition to the greater St. Louis area. The last time the Shakespeare Festival came to Poplar Bluff was six years ago, according to tour manager Emily Clinger.

Pictured: Actors (left to right) Craig Ester, Ted Drury, Karl Hawkins, Jeanitta Perkins and Frankie Ferrari take a bow after performing “Macbeth” in the Tinnin Center.

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