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## Community development impact on the Kilgore area economy

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The 2010 season will be the Texas Shakespeare Festival's 25th season and the TSF Foundation is celebrating its impact on the East Texas economy. For instance, did you know:

- More than 96% of available seats were sold during the 2009 season
- 75% of attendees were from outside the Kilgore area
- More than 75% ate out in the region before/after attending performances
- Almost 30% spent the night in the area as a result of attending performances
- TSF has worked with more than 1,139 theater artists from forty states, the District of Columbia and eight foreign countries
- The Festival has produced 110 productions for more than 1,181 performances including 28 plays of the Shakespeare canon, many of them more than once; 22 non-Shakespearean classics; fifteen American musicals; nine productions of a history play based on the East Texas oilfield; 24 productions for children, many of them original scripts; and a world premier of the musical, Reveoco
- Recognizable TSF alumni include Michael Hall, Emmy and Golden Globe nominated actor and star of the HBO series Six Feet Under; Glenn Kessler, Emmy winning writer and co-creator, writer and executive producer for the FX series Damages with Glenn Close; and Danny Pino, in his seventh season as Detective Valens on the CBS series Cold Case

The Festival has an undeniable impact on our economy, and is something special for Kilgore. Texas Monthly magazine has called it the best Shakespeare in Texas. That's something to be proud of and to support. Let's support it with our contributions and our attendance.

Tickets to the fund raising Gala are open to the public and are still available in person for \$70 each at the Kilgore Chamber of Commerce and Barron's in Longview. For more information or for tickets in Henderson or Tyler, please call 903.984.3038.

A limited number of raffle tickets for a \$5000 trip to New York for two are available. The drawing will be August 1, and the purchaser does not need to be present to win. Checks can be made out to Texas Shakespeare Festival Foundation (TSF Foundation), a not-for-profit 501 C3 organization. Tickets are \$100 each and are available in

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See you there!