

The Lost Colony Mystery Still Captivates

(NAPSA)—What happened to the 117 men, women and children of America's first English settlement?

This question has long stumped historians and archeologists. But today, audiences can form their own theories when they see *The Lost Colony*, a fascinating outdoor symphonic drama that tells the story and mysterious disappearance of the nation's famed "lost



Virginia Dare, the first English child born in America (1587), ties together the interesting cast of characters in *The Lost Colony.*

colony."

Staged where the real-life events took place more than 400 years ago on North Carolina's Roanoke Island, the production features scenes from the stark landscape of the colonists' "New World" to the pageantry of Queen Elizabeth I's court. The drama, written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paul Green, unfolds in a dazzling spectacle of song, dance and special effects beneath the stars at Waterside Theatre.

Acclaimed Actor Now Directing

The annual summer production, June 1 – Aug. 24, 2001, is now under the artistic direction of acclaimed director and Tony-nominated Broadway actor Terrence Mann. Although best known for his Broadway roles such as: Rum Tum Tugger in Cats, Javert in Les Misérables and the Beast in Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Mann began his acting career as Old Tom in The Lost Colony more than 20 years ago.

The story of England's lost colony has captivated imaginations for centuries and excited theatergoers since the play's premier on July 4, 1937.

For more information, contact www.thelostcolony.org, or 800-488-5012. For reservations contact www.ticketweb.com or 866-468-7630.