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A Midsummer Night's Dream

Cast List

Theseus/Oberon - David Weidner

Hippolyta/Titania - Natalee Stuart

Philostrate/Puck - Jessie Heaton

Egeus/Cobweb - Victoria Venard

Lysander - KJ Weidner

Hermia - Krystal Funk

Demetrius - Alejandro Hancock

Helena - Jean Chevalier

Peter Quince/Prologue - Doug Varner

Nick Bottom/Pyramus - Megan Chase

Francis Flute/Thisbe - Lincoln Matthews

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ON PITCH PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS:

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Written By:

William Shakespeare

Adapted By:

Fed Broberg

Direction

Fed Broberg

Stage Manager

Aspen Larkin

Light Design

Laura Crossett

Sound Design

Kennedy Miller

Props Design

Tyler Neil

Costume Design

Chip Castleton

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SCENE LIST

Act 1

Scene 1: Athens. The outdoor, wooded wedding reception venue of Theseus and Hippolyta. Night Day #1

Scene 2: The same (immediately following) Night #1

Act 2

Scene 1: The same. Afternoon. Day #2

Scene 2: The same. Early evening. Day #2

Act 3

Scene 1: The same. Late Evening. Day #2 Titania lying asleep

Scene 2: The same. Morning. Day #3

INTERMISSION

Act 4

Scene 1: The same. Evening. Day #3

Scene 2: The same. Afternoon. Day #4

Act 5

Scene 1: The same. Evening. Day #4



DIRECTOR'S NOTE: |.....

Welcome to our production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a timeless exploration of how "the course of true love never did run smooth," and the thin line between reality and fantasy. Shakespeare's magical world invites us to lose ourselves in an enchanted wood where anything is possible. Here, love becomes a game of transformation, where nothing is as it seems, and the unexpected reigns.

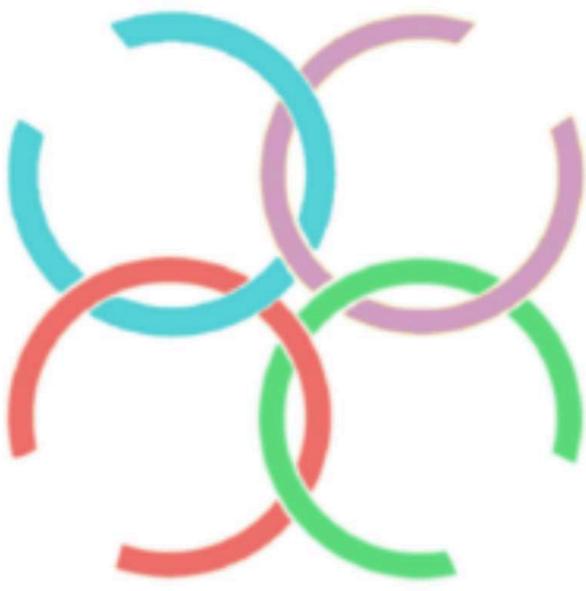
Our production focuses the timelessness of the play by bringing it into today's world. It also embraces the play's whimsy, from the mischievous fairies to the bumbling actors and the tangled lovers. Each character's journey reflects the unpredictable nature of love—its joys, its confusion, and its power to change us.

It has been a pleasure working with this talented cast and crew to bring this dreamlike tale to life. We hope you'll allow yourself to be swept away by the magic of the story.

Thank you for joining us, and enjoy the performance!

-Jed Broberg





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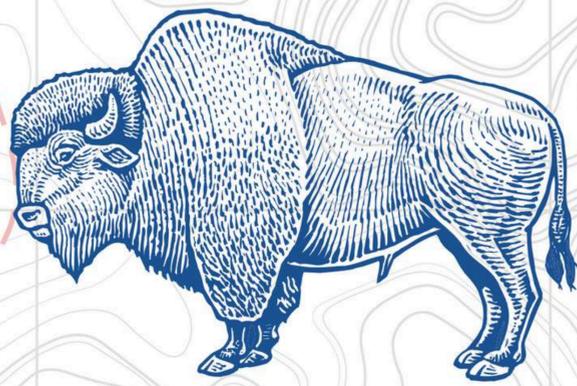
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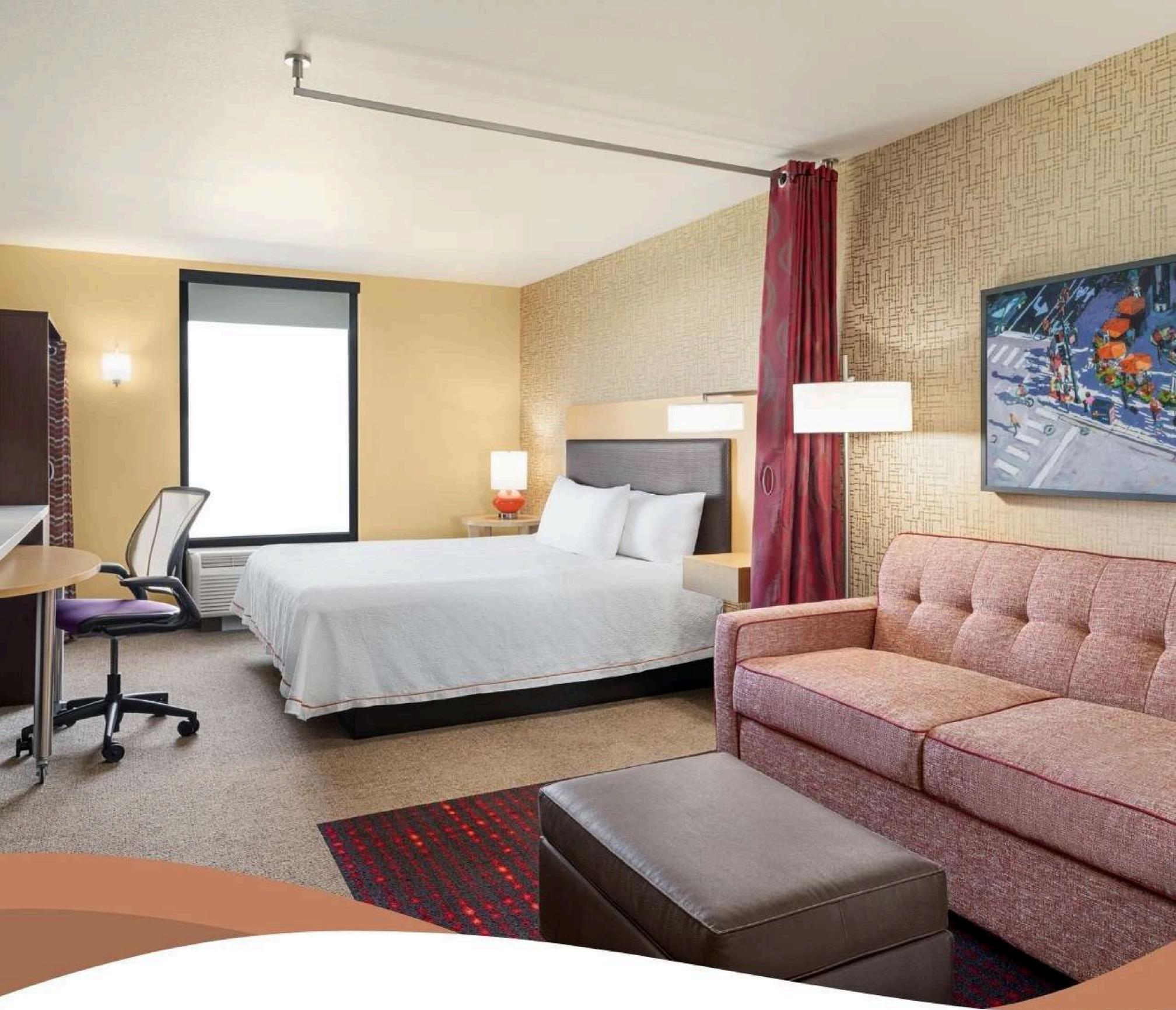
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CAST AND CREW

*Alejandro Hancock
(Demetrius)*



Alejandro is considered a master class actor when compared to squirrels. A Midsummer Night's Dream will be his third production back after a five year hiatus following Jekyll & Hyde (Ensemble) and 9 to 5 (Joe). This will also be his 28th show overall. He is looking to challenge himself with his first non musical since high school and hopes you enjoy his performance!

*Candice M. Ward
(Tom Snout/Wall)*



Candice Ward is thrilled to make her community theater debut in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" as Tom Snout/Wall. By day, Candice applies her degrees in Mathematics and Information Systems from Brigham Young University to her work as a software product management consultant. Outside theater and work, she cherishes time at home with her husband and their two young sons. Candice is grateful for this opportunity to rediscover her love of theater and looks forward to bringing Shakespeare's whimsical world to life.

*David Weidner
(Theseus/Oberon)*



David started acting at the age of 10, landing a large role in a TV miniseries, Blood and Honour, in 1982, auditioning for roles in The Goonies, Gremlins, and Explorers. He went to film school and began working behind the scenes in Hollywood, ultimately directing a feature film in 2004, The Spirit Hunter. Onstage, he has played various roles in HMS Pinafore, Twelfth Night, and The Crucible. This is his third time acting in Midsummer, having played Puck and Bottom in earlier productions.

*Doug Varner
(Peter Quince/Prologue)*



Doug loves Shakespeare and has been in Macbeth as Duncan, and now A Midsummer's Night Dream as Quince and Prologue at OPPA. Doug is reliving his college dreams of becoming a stage actor.

*Jean Chevalier
(Helena)*



Jean is a lover of all things fiction and fantasy. She graduated from Doane University in Nebraska in 2022 with a bachelor's in English Literature with a minor in Theater. She's been in community and academic theater productions since the age of six. She is also a major Shakespeare nerd! Her favorites are Merchant of Venice, Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth, and of course A Midsummer Night's Dream!

*Jessie June Heaton
(Philostrate/Puck)*



Jessie got her start in theatre after a very kind director let her walk around on stage after seeing her first community theater production. A few years later, at the age of thirteen, she discovered Shakespeare and has been incurably obnoxious about her love ever since. She is unbelievably excited and honored for this chance to play Puck in her favorite Shakespeare show!

*Jocelyn Cypert
(Snug/Lion)*



Jocelyn possesses a deep love for the performing arts, and her passion for the stage is undeniable. Her journey in the world of performance began with competitive dance, and later expanded to silks and lyra where she has been practicing for three years. She loves new challenges and is eager to act at OPPA.

CAST AND CREW

*KJ Weidner
(Lysander)*



KJ has been in plenty of shows here at OPPA, but this will be their first ever Shakespeare play anywhere. Previous roles include Jack in Into the Woods, Sir Robin in Spamalot, and Prentiss in Peter and the Starcatcher

*Krystal Funk
(Hermia)*



Krystal is excited to be debuting in her first show at OPPA! Krystal has been acting for over 16 years and has been in over 20 shows. Some of her most notable roles include Pippi in Pippi Longstocking, Alice Kinnian in Flowers for Algernon, and Annabelle Glick in Lucky Stiff. Krystal would like to dedicate this performance to her sister, best friend, and biggest supporter, Kasi.

*Lincoln Matthews
(flute/Thisbe)*



Lincoln Hopes you Enjoy the show.

*Megan Chase
(Bottom/Pyramus)*



Megan is thrilled to be portraying Nick Bottom/Pyramus in A Midsummer Night's Dream. With a passion for the stage since childhood, Megan has been actively involved in theater productions for many years. Some of her previous notable performances include the Angel in Angels in America, Marshal in Elephant's Graveyard, Witch in Macbeth, and Inez in No Exit.

She would like to thank Jed Broberg for this incredible opportunity and her family and friends for their unwavering support.

*Natalee Stuart
(Hippolyta/Titania)*



Natalee can't believe she gets to play these incredible characters! She can usually be found in at Fear Factory, SLC, and most recently as Clopin in OPPA's production of The Hunchback of Notre Dame. This is her first Shakespeare show, ever. Thanks to her long suffering family for their support!

*Victoria Venard
(Egeus/Cobweb)*



Victoria just moved to Utah in June and is excited to jump into the theater community. In Oregon, she was privileged to participate in several shows including Siobhan in "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime", the White Witch in "The Chronicles of Narnia", and Dromio in "The Comedy of Errors". Backstage and offstage she uses a professionally trained service dog. She hopes to inspire others with disabilities that they can always find a way to pursue their dreams (as long as Shakespeare's fairies don't cause too much chaos with those dreams...) Enjoy the show!

CAST AND CREW

*Aspen Larkin
Stage Manager*



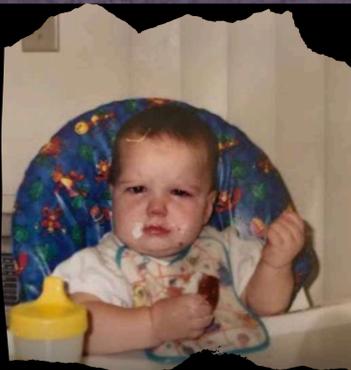
From backstage to being on stage Aspen has done it all. She has been able to play fun roles like Belle in Beauty and the Beast, Enjolras in Les Miserables, Mrs. Banks in Mary Poppins and Amy March in Little Women and Ariel from the Little Mermaid! She loves being able to meet new people and create magic backstage. Theatre Matters!

*Bailey Porter
Set Design*



Bailey hopes you enjoy the show!

*Chip Castleton
Costume Design*



Chip is an icon who has been creating random stuff since the day their mother popped them out of the womb. They have a passion for all things gay and all things design. They live laugh love theatre and would like to thank their fiancée Zendaya and their little sister Kiersti for helping them get to where they are today.

*Jed Broberg
Director*



Jed is excited to be directing with On Pitch Performing Arts. He is the theatre teacher/director at Ogden High School and he has performed with the Lyric Repertory Company, Utah Festival Opera, Neil Simon Festival, as well as performed, directed, and designed with various community and semi-professional theatre companies in Utah. Jed would like to thank his family and friends for their continual love and support.

*Kennedy Miller
Sound Design*



Kennedy hopes you enjoy the show!

*Laura Crossett
Light Design*



Laura hopes you enjoy the show!

*Tyler Neil
Props Design*



Tyler hopes you enjoy the show!

Meet the Cast



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