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A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

August 22-24 | 7:00 PM

Studio 170 | Peshtigo, WI

Directed By Chris Mayse

Production Manager | Debra Quick

Costume Designer | Kara Heyne



SHOW SYNOPSIS

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare delves into the blending of human and magical realms; comparing and contrasting the possibilities of dreams and reality, with the character of Bottom being the focal point of this exploration.

In this dream of Bottom's, Theseus, Duke of Athens, falls in love with Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons, after defeating them in battle.

Egeus interrupts preparations, bringing his daughter Hermia and her suitors before Theseus. Hermia wants to marry Lysander, not Demetrius as her father wishes. Theseus orders her to obey or face death or confinement.

Hermia and Lysander plan to flee together, confiding in Helena, who informs Demetrius in hopes of winning back his love.

Meanwhile, in the forest, the Fairy King and Queen, Oberon and Titania, are at odds over a changeling boy. In spite, Oberon bids Puck procure a love-juice to pour upon Titania's eyelids when she is asleep, in order that she may love the first thing her waking eyes behold.

The same enchanted forest spot is chosen by Bottom and his group for a play rehearsal; as they have been chosen to perform on the night of Theseus and Hippolyta's wedding day. Puck magically gives Bottom an ass's head, causing the other players to flee. Bottom is then taken to Titania under a spell.

Meanwhile, Lysander and Hermia arrive, and Puck in error anoints Lysander's instead of Demetrius's eyes, so that Lysander, happening to awake just as the neglected Helena wanders by, falls in love with her and abandons Hermia.

The four lovers face confusion as Oberon corrects Puck's mistake by anointing Demetrius's eyes to break the spell. Demetrius regains his love for Helena. Puck fixes the error by anointing Lysander's eyes, ensuring Lysander loves Hermia and Demetrius loves Helena when they wake up.

Titania woos Bottom until Oberon, whose anger has abated, removes the spell from her eyes. Bottom is restored to his natural form, and he rejoins his comrades in Athens. Theseus, on an early morning hunting trip in the forest, discovers the four lovers.

A wedding-feast for the three couples is spread in Duke Theseus's place. Bottom's players come to this feast to present the "comic" tragedy of Pyramus and Thisbe, which is performed in wondrous and hilarious fashion. After the company retires for the night, Puck infiltrates the human world and returns Bottom to reality; where he wonders if it has all been just a dream...or not...

CAST

Chris Mayse - Theseus, Oberon

Kara Heyne - Puck

Kim Hammen - Hippolyta, Titania

Mark Brown - Bottom

Zane Johnston - Egeus, Flute, Fairy

Jennifer Witt - Helena, Quince, Fairy

Robbie Heyne - Demetrius, Snout, Fairy

Andie Rasmussen - Hermia, Snug, Fairy

Brandon Hopper - Lysander, Starveling, Fairy

Eve Sutek - Philostrate, Lead Fairy of Titania

CAST BIOS



Chris Mayse - Theseus, Oberon

Chris Mayse earned his bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts from Southern Utah University and his MFA from Ohio University (PATP). He has worked professionally as an actor for decades, along with freelancing as a critically acclaimed director, designer, dialect coach and fight choreographer. Chris has worked in administration for various performing arts and entertainments organizations throughout the country, including being the Founding Artistic Director for Atlas Theatre Company. Along with Atlas, he is a Midwest Producer for The Dinner Detective, America's premiere true-crime mystery dinner experience, and the Director of Theatre Arts for Studio 170 here in Peshtigo. Chris would like to express his great appreciation to the cast, designers, and crew of Midsummer (you have all shown great work in this process), as well as his wife, Meg, who inspires him to be his best self at all times. You are brilliant. Let's have some fun, everyone!



Kara Heyne - Puck, Costume Designer

Kara Heyne plays Puck, a bucket list role for her. She lives in Suamico and teaches, writes and crafts in her spare time. Most recently, Kara performed as Feste in Play by Play Theatre's (Green Bay) production of Twelfth Night. She is grateful for all the support. Special shoutout to her paladin and nine stars.



Kim Hammen - Hippolyta, Titanya

This is Kim's debut performance with Atlas and she is grateful for the opportunity to be in another Shakespeare production. Kim has done most of her theatre work in the Fox Valley with a number of community theatre organizations, including Xavier High School, Kimberly Papermaker Players, Attic Chamber Theatre, UW Fox Theatre, and others, is a current choral member of NEWVoices, and is an adjudicator for the Centerstage high school theatre program. Kim would like to thank her family for being supportive of her participation in shows and the time it takes away from home. Kim is excited to present this version of Midsummer Night's Dream for you and hopes you enjoy the show!

CAST BIOS



Mark Brown - Bottom

Mark Brown is a software engineer currently living in Green Bay with his wife Kaitlin, their adorable baby daughter Eden, and their cat, Speckter. Mark has always felt drawn to acting but has only recently begun acting in the past few years. He is excited for the chance to play Nick Bottom. His previous roles have included Sir Andrew Aguecheek in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night", as well as a priest, an angel, and even Jesus!



Zane Johnston - Egeus, Flute, Fairy

Zane Johnston is currently in a transfer program at NWTTC. Zane has performed in three other plays at Marinette High. School. His most recent role was Eli Whitney in Anything Goes. All in all, enjoy the show!



Jennifer Witt - Helena, Quince, Fairy

Jenny is so excited to be part of Atlas's production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Jenny recently graduated from UW-Green Bay with a major in Data Science and a minor in Theatre studies. Some of her recent roles include featured dancer/dance captain in Beauty and the Beast, Beverly Brown in The Mad Ones, and Duke Vincentio in Measure for Measure. Enjoy the show!



Robert Heyne - Demetrius, Snout, Fairy

Robert Heyne is a high school student and lives in Suamico. Robert has previously performed in Shakespeare productions with the St. Anthony 's Guild Players in Green Bay. He is lucky and grateful for this opportunity.

CAST BIOS



Andie Rasmussen - Hermia, Snug, Fairy

Andie Rasmussen is excited to be in this production of A Midsummers Nights Dream. She is a Junior in High School and has been acting for many years. Some of her favorite roles have been Ships Purser in Anything Goes, Kaa in The Jungle Book, and Geri in Crumpled Classics.



Brandon Hopper - Lysander, Starveling, Fairy

Brandon attends Marinette High School. He is excited to be a part of this performance. He has been in several productions including Anything Goes and Freaky Friday.



Eve Sutek - Philostrate, Lead Fairy of Titania

Eve has been performing in theatrical productions for one year. She has been part of Alice in Wonderland and The Lion King Jr. with Studio 170 and Rainbow Fish with Theater on the Bay. Her favorite part of acting is meeting new, fun people and creative costumes.

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Debra Quick - Stage Manager

Debra is a United Marine Corps Veteran returning to the theater scene. Once a great passion of hers, she hopes to do more productions in the future. She is a single mom of three boys and Nana to two girls. Debra also serves on the production team at New Life Church.

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