

# A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

by William Shakespeare

Time: Ancient Greece

Place: Athens, the surrounding forest, and the fairy kingdom

### Cast (in alphabetical order):

Mustardseed	Jessamyn Arnstein
Egeus	Altesa Baker
Peaseblossom	Olivia Berumen
Puck	Christine Breihan*
Hippolyta	Annika Chavez
Helena	Page de la Harpe
Demetrius	Roman Guastaferrero
Cobweb	Shaina Hammer
Philostrate ALT	Ethan Haslam
Philostrate ALT	Michael Hoag
Tom Snout	Andrea Iaia
Snug	Bedjou Jean
Nick Bottom	Christopher W. Jones*
First Fairy	Caitlin Kilgore
Robin Starveling	Todd Kliewer
Titania	Melora Marshall*
Oberon	Michael McFall*
Quince	Jackie Nicole*
Lysander	Larson Rainier
Hermia	Kacie Rogers
Francis Flute	Cameron Rose
First Fairy	Erica Lamkin Wiesen
Theseus	Jeff Wiesen*

### Ensemble:

Amazons	Katherine Banos, Sawyer Fuller, Selene Klasner, Sophie Thomason, Tess Trotter
Lords	Nathan Bohannon, Mike Gerbi, Frank Gress, Lucas Gust, Will Holbrook, Jason Sleisenger
Fairies	Gabbi Beauvais, Hero Duenyas, Clara Polsky, Quinnlynn Scheppner, Ami Singer, Natalie Weisen
Changeling Child	Katherine Wiseman, Madelyn Wiseman

**Understudies:** Jessamyn Arnstein, Katherine Banos, Gabbi Beauvais, Olivia Berumen, Nathan Bohannon, Christine Breihan\*, Sawyer Fuller, Mike Gerbi, Cindy Guastaferrero, Lucas Gust, Ethan Haslam, Michael Hoag, William Holbrook, Kevin Hudnell, Christopher W. Jones\*, Caitlin Kilgore, Selene Klasner, Bethany Koulias, Jackie Nicole\*, Clara Polsky, Cameron Rose, Jason Sleisenger, Erica Lamkin Wiesen, Jeff Wiesen\*, Jordann Zbylski

**There will be one 10-minute intermission.**

**Creative Team:**

Director  
Assistant Director  
Stage Manager  
Assistant Stage Manager  
Choreographer  
Costume Designer  
Wardrobe Supervisor  
Sound Designer  
Lighting Designer  
Lighting Associate

Willow Geer  
Elizabeth Tobias  
Karen Osborne\*  
Sydney Russell  
Lexi Pearl  
Beth Eslick  
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Ian Flanders  
Zachary Moore  
Skylar Johnson

**\*Member of Actors' Equity Association**

**Directors' Notes**

Three separate worlds unfold: First, the elegant court of Duke Theseus and his betrothed Amazon, Hippolyta, where a father's tyranny drives passionate young lovers to escape into the forest outside Athens. Next we meet some tradespeople, "hard-handed men" of the town, planning to perform a theatrical piece at the royal wedding. Last is the fairy kingdom where Oberon and Titania battle over a human child. Oberon's jealousy and its resultant turmoil ignite chaos in the human world by turning nature's seasons upside down.

*A Midsummer Night's Dream* blossoms in Theatricum Botanicum (theatre in the garden). There are more plants mentioned in this play than in any other of Shakespeare's plays, and through the years it's not surprising that *Dream* returns to our stage time and again. It appeals to all ages and is the ideal introduction to the Bard's wonderful world of language, character, and storytelling. Classical actors pursue this play again and again throughout their careers, striving like Bottom, to play all the parts.



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