EVERGREEN
VALLEY COLLEGE
THEATRE

A Midsummer Night's Dream

by William Shakespeare

Directed by
John Kaufmann



NOVEMBER 18-21

EVC Theatre, San Jose

Director's Notes

Welcome to our sleepover! The concept started with the image of bunk beds on stage for a set. That led to cozy costumes that match the different character groups. The idea made sense for a play where characters are constantly falling asleep and waking up: like a big family reunion or a chaotic slumber party.

What interests me most is the waking up part. We can imagine that Shakespeare (or any playwright) slumbers under stage floors, waking into the bodies and voices of actors who bring their words to life. Two years ago we presented ***Shakespeare Escapes Here***, our original escape-room comedy. That play woke students up to Shakespeare's world and prepared us to do the full Shakespeare production you're seeing today.

Shakespeare's language can be challenging, but the actors worked hard to give it clarity and heart. So many times in rehearsal I saw them "wake up" to discover their characters' intentions and their own amazing acting skills. Every day exploring ***Midsummer*** with this great cast was a joy.

You, the audience, make the play complete. Thank you for blanketing us with your presence. Our world of screens, technology and AI can put our souls to sleep, but you chose to come to our play! Theatre is real bodies and voices together in time and space - it is precious and rare. Just like you! Wake up, you! We hope you wake up to the joy of Shakespeare. We hope you wake up to the joy of life, whimsy and love. That is our dream!

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Scene List

1. A Big Slumber Party
2. Athens: The Court of Duke Theseus
3. The Woods Outside Athens
4. Back to Athens: The Court of Duke Theseus
5. Back to the Big Slumber Party

A Midsummer Night's Dream runs approximately two hours including one ten minute intermission



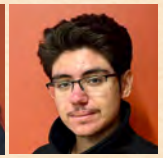
Cast and Crew



John Kaufmann
Director



Naia



Julian



Aria



Jerry



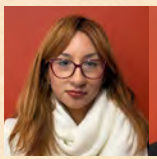
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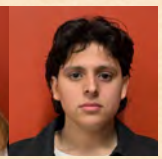
Ben



Saihej



Noelle



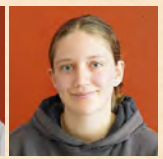
Nate



Alberto



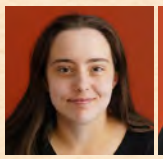
JV



Riley



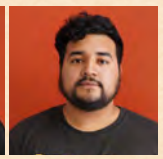
Persia



Nico



Britanny



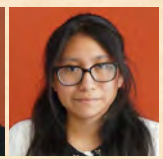
Serge



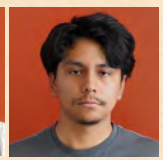
Cheyenne



Cailie



Nataly



Epifanio



Rashmi

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Cast

(in order of appearance)

Robin Goodfellow/Puck.....Naia Pineda

GROWN UPS

Theseus.....Julian Herrera
Hippolyta.....Aria Serpa
Egeus.....Jerry Velazquez Denys

LOVERS

Hermia.....Ashley Micheletti
Demetrius.....Ben Barrera
Lysander.....Saihej Sidhu
Helena.....Noelle Ramirez

MECHANICALS

Quince.....Nate Rosas
Bottom (Pyramus).....Alberto Montes de Oca Hernandez
Flute (Thisbe).....JV Santos
Starveling (Moon).....Riley Saxe
Snout (Wall).....Persia Gonzales
Snug (Lion).....Serge Gonzalez

FAIRIE WORLD

Peaseblossom.....Britanny Diaz
Cobweb/Philostrate.....Nico Adams
Moth.....Cheyenne Vieira
Dewdrop.....Cailie Isidro
Puck.....Naia Pineda
Mustardseed/Philomate.....Nataly Hernandez
Oberon.....Epifanio Cortez
Titania.....Rashmi Ramachandran

Creative Team

Director/Course Instructor: John Kaufmann
Stage Manager: Cara Ramirez
Scenic and Costume Design: John Kaufmann
Lighting Design: Lucas Ward
Fairie Dance Choreography: Britanny Diaz
Poster/Program Design: Tanya Marutova

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