

Leon Theatre presents

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

by WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE

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& 3.26 @ 3 & 7pm

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Director's Notes

I love Midsummer (I mean all teachers LOVE anything summer related, but I also love Shakespeare's play about teenage love, fairies, and men turning into asses.) It is the first Shakespeare play that I introduced my own children to (and they were super popular in Sunday School when they used the word "ass" and gave the excuse that they could use that word because they were "Shakespearean"). It is also the Shakespeare play that I introduce Theatre 1 students to each year. There is something magical about Midsummer. And it was perfect for our 2021/22 season theme of COSMOS IS CREATED FROM CHAOS. It certainly brings some chaos onto our stage. And thankfully we are bringing new worlds (and many first time performers) to the Leon stage also.

I decided to frame the show around the idea of SHADOWS. Lysander tells Hermia love is "as swift as a shadow", Oberon is the King of Shadows, and Puck begs forgiveness "if we shadows have offended". The Mechanical's play is a shadow of Romeo and Juliet. And I enjoyed adding the element of social media feeds as a shadow of daily reality. Social media feeds are a part of our lives, but not the entire story, much like the social media feeds of our characters.

I have always wanted to incorporate a shadow show into a play. I find them visually interesting and evocative. I was excited when my assistant director, Lily Telfer, jumped on board and was equally thrilled to add in that element to the "play within a play", which is the scene that she took on as the assistant director. I would be totally remiss if I did not also thank Mills Schaefer, Catie-Beth Sproul, and J.P. Evans for all their technical assistance. Together they made us a DREAM team.

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Cast & Crew

THESEUS: Noah Summerlin

HIPPOLYTA: Raven Maki

EGEUS & PHILOSTRATE: Andrew Moore

HERMIA: Mallory Greisl

LYSANDER: Joshua Lawrence

HELENA: Piper Greisl

DEMETRIUS: Lance Sellars

NICK BOTTOM/PYRAMUS: Liam Bennett

PETER QUINCE: Colin Kirkpatrick

FRANCIS FLUTE/THISBE: Sarah Howard

TOM SNOOT/WALL: Maggie Giles

SNUG/LION: Leah Whiting

ROBIN STARVELING/MOONSHINE: Theresa Malley

MILLER/DOG: Za'Nyah Wilkerson

GERALD/THORNBUSH: Lauryn Smith

OBERON: Ashley May

TITANIA: Nyla Jackson

PUCK: Grace Myatt

NIGHTSHADE: Nyx Hiers

PEASEBLOSSOM: Jaila Williams

COBWEB: Parker Matherne

MOTH: Angela Das

MUSTARDSEED: Pandora Flom

THISTLE: Kanari'I Tolbert

PHLOX: Jada Jones

STAGE MANAGER: Mills Schaefer

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Lily Telfer

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Catie-Beth Sproul

LIGHTING: J.P. Evans

PROPS: Michael Schoffel

COSTUMES: Paige Kinch & Ava Sears

TECNICAL TEAM: Skyler Frazier, Olivia Viker, Cortney Stokes,
Ethan Canto, Tiago Sousa, Ansley Wirth, Jackson Sears, Kaia Schnippert





Acts & Scenes

ACT 1 SCENE 1: Theseus' Palace for Wedding Planning

ACT 1 SCENE 2: The Rude Mechanicals Cast their Play

ACT 2 SCENE 1: Fairies Fighting in the Woods

ACT 2 SCENE 2: Lovers Lost in the Woods

ACT 3 SCENE 1: Bottom Translated

ACT 3 SCENE 2: Who Loves Who?

intermission

ACT 4 SCENE 1: Enchantment Ending

ACT 4 SCENE 2: Bottom Returns to the Mechanicals

ACT 5 SCENE 1: Three Weddings and One Play

Noah Summerlin (Theseus) is the son of Katie Summerlin and Kristopher Baker. This is his second show at Leon, and he's eager to improve his acting and be the best Duke of Athens he can. His previous role was Sergei/Ensemble in Anastasia (Leon High). He's greatly appreciative of all his family for supporting him throughout the rehearsal process and providing their love and care. He gives special thanks to his voice teacher, Maggie Smith, for her encouragement throughout the performing arts.



Raven Maki (Hippolyta) is a four year Thespian and senior at Leon High School. She has assisted with and performed in numerous Leon Chorus and Theatre productions including Brainstorm, where she performed her first self choreographed dance solo. Raven currently TA's for two of Mrs. Marshall's theatre classes, where she enjoys helping the younger generation of Leon discover their love for the arts. As this will be her final show with Leon, she is excited to be a part of A Midsummer Night's Dream.



Andrew Moore (Egeus/Philostrate), also known as Gam Gam, is a junior at Leon High School. His previous roles include Golden Retriever in Dog Play, Pirate Two in The Pirate Play, and Elderly Man in "Off Their Rockers". When he is not acting, he loves taking on film projects with his friends, like his film "Chef Louie's Dishes and Treats". He



Mallory Greisl (Hermia) is the daughter Kelly and Jason Greisl. This is her second show at Leon and she is excited to bring Hermia to life! Her previous roles include Sugar Plum/Gingy in Shrek the Musical (Stage11), Young Allison in Fun Home (NSTW), Helen Keller in the Miracle Worker (YAT), and Gavroche in Les Miserables (Leon High). Mallory would like to thank her friends and family for the continuous support and love. She would also like to thank her mentor and voice teacher, Connor Fabrega.

Joshua Lawrence (Lysander) is a junior at Leon. This is his first Leon show and he is extremely excited to be playing Lysander. Along with theatre he is a part of Leon SGA and is also a member of Troupe 1429. He went to the State Festival for Thespians where his ensemble scene receive strait Superiors! He would like to thank his mother for supporting him through rehearsals and his amazing stage manager Mills Schaefer for writing his bio for him.



Piper Greisl (Helena) is the daughter of Kelly and Jason Greisl. Piper has previously performed in shows with Quincy Music Theatre, Young Actors Theatre, Stage 11, and Leon Theatre/Chorus. Some of her favorite past roles include Jo March in Little Women (YAT), The Wicked Witch/Almira Gulch in The Wizard of Oz (YAT), Sandra in The Play That Goes Wrong (Leon), Victoria/ etc in the cabaret A Night of Mischief (Stage 11), Winifred Banks in Mary Poppins Jr. (QMT) and Admetus in CATS (QMT). She is currently a senior at Leon, where she acts as a Publicity/Marketing Director for Troupe 1429 and Vice President of Pierian National Honor Society. Piper is thrilled to be portraying Helena, a role she has dreamed of playing since her freshman year, and would like to thank the amazing Mrs. Marshall for not only giving her this opportunity, but for also teaching her these past wonderful four years. Piper would also like to thank her friends, her past directors, her parents, her brother Finn, and her boyfriend Hayden for their constant support. Also, her sister Mallory, whom she is thrilled to fight on stage.



Lance Sellars (Demetrius) is the son of Kelly Cullen and Bradley Sellars. This is his first show at Leon and he is excited to have the chance to be a part of such a great show. He has previously played Count Leopold in Anastasia (Leon High). Lance would like to thank his best friend Noah for forcing him to take musical theatre in eighth grade and helping him find his love for acting.



Colin Kirkpatrick (Quince) is a junior at Leon High School, and this is his second Leon show. He spent several years studying theater at Young Actors Theater, but has recently diverged his focus into filmography. Colin owns a YouTube channel, Fresh Shrimp Productions, where he uploads all of his projects for public viewing. He greatly appreciates anyone who subscribes to his channel. Colin is thankful for his friends and family who continuously support him in his endeavors.



Liam Bennett (THE Bottom) is not the son of anyone with the last name of Bottom. This is his second show at Leon and he is excited to bring Bottom to life. His previous roles include Macbeth in... Macbeth (Southern Shakespeare), Iago in Othello (Southern Shakespeare), Charles in The Play That Goes Wrong (Leon High), and Hortensio in Taming of the Shrew (Southern Shakespeare). Liam would like to thank the academy and those in Hollywood who got him here. His parents are of course to be thanked as well as the amazing Olivia Vigiatti. If you read this far then you should also know that Liam is confused yet impressed at your ability to sit through cast Bios because Liam would have stopped long before now. Thus, congratulations. Show this to the snack table to get a free cookie.

Sarah Howard (Flute) is the daughter of Bernadette and Jonathan Howard and is very excited to have this acting opportunity at Leon. Her favorite and most memorable roles include Lady Larken in Once Upon A Mattress Jr. (TCS Production), Moose in Bigfoot! (TCS Production), Teressa in Teressa in the Background (FSU Film), and above all else her role as the Bumble Bee in the Little Mermaid Jr. (TCS Production). Sarah would like to thank her family, friends, her voice teacher, Carla Connors, and of course Mrs. Marshall, for their constant support.



Theresa Malley (Starveling/Moonshine) is the daughter of Paul and Almira Malley and is a junior at Leon High School. She is very excited to be in her third Leon Theatre production. She was previously seen in Aida (Muse), Seussical Jr. (Gertrude McFuzz), and Christmas Carol (Elizabeth Cratchitt). She is part of Leon's Mane Event, Capital Singers, and Madrigals. She would like to thank her family, friends, and everyone involved in this production for giving her this great opportunity.



Maggie Giles (Snout/Wall) is a junior at Leon High School and is thrilled to be in A Midsummer Night's Dream. She has been in 14 local community shows, her favorites being The Miracle Worker (blind child), Mary Poppins (fill in for Mrs.Brill), and Grease (Radio Singer), all at Young Actors Theatre. She would like to thank her wonderful friends and family for always supporting her. And above all else would like to thank Mrs. Marshall for providing her such a loving and giving theatre department that she is so blessed to be a part of.



Leah Whiting (Snug the joiner/Lion) is the daughter of David and Lisa Whiting. This is her third play at Leon and is so super duper excited to be a part of this show. Her previous roles include Fiona/Pig Three in Shrek the Musical (Stage11), Perkins in the Play that Goes Wrong (Leon), and some other things :). She would like to thank Mrs. Marshall and all of her friends for their support and guidance. <3



Za'Nyah Wilkerson (Miller) is the daughter of Alfonso and Sandra and the oldest of four very dramatic siblings. Her first role was as Babette in Beauty and the Beast when she was in third grade. Since then, she has taken on various other roles, including Maria in The Sound of Music, Rafiki in The Lion King, Cheshire Cat in Alice in Wonderland, and Golde in Fiddler on the Roof, as well as other roles in plays at her church. This is her first show at Leon and she is honored to be a part of it. She would like to thank her family and friends that continue to support her through all of the many activities she does.



Lauryn Smith (Gerald) is new to theater, with her only previous show being ODDportunities (Leon High School). She would like to thank Mrs. Marshall for always pushing her out of her comfort zone, and being the best Theatre teacher and mentor a girl could ask for. Lauryn would also like to thank her cheer coaches for encouraging her to be the best that she can be. She would especially like to thank her friends and family for their constant love and support.



Grace Myatt (Puck) is the daughter of Kim and Jason Myatt. She loves taking part in Leon's performing arts, participating this year as Annie in The Play that Goes Wrong as well as being in the improv show 'Who's Lion is it Anyway'. She is also very active in Leon chorus, being a member of both Capital Singers and Melodears. Grace would like to thank all of her lovely friends and family for their continued support in all her artistic endeavors.

Ashley May (Oberon) is a senior at Leon High School and has been a part of the theatre program all four years. She has competed with thespian troupe 1429 throughout her high school career. She has two adorable puppies named Tater and Gracie. She is also a member of the Leonettes dance team.



Nyla Jackson (Titania) is a senior at Leon High School. She has been in the Leon Theatre Program for four years and this is her first time starring in a Leon production. Before this, she used her outstanding photography skills to take pictures for Leon's previous show, The Play That Goes Wrong. She would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her, especially Mrs. Marshall for always being the outstanding teacher that she is, and her friend Parker, who wrote this bio for her.

Pandora Flom (Mustardseed) is a freshman at Leon High School, starring in her first Leon production. She is excited to play the fairy and give the audience a laugh. Pandora has been doing theatre for her elementary/middle school for 8 years. Pandora is so happy to be a part of Leon Theatre and thanks everyone who has helped her find where to sign up for this stuff because she wouldn't have found it herself.





Jaila Williams (Peaseblossom) is the daughter of her loving parents Lyndon Williams and Kavonya Cooper. This is her first time starring in a Leon show, and she is excited to blow the audience away with her singing and acting skills. Jaila would like to thank her fellow fairies: Angela, Jada, Parker, Kanari'i, Pandora, and Nyla. She would also like to thank her friends and family that have supported her endlessly.

Jada Jones (Phlox) is a Freshman at Leon who is very involved in performing arts. She is excited to be performing in her first Leon production. She is an active member of the Leon dance team and also takes chorus. She has previously taken on the roles of Isir in Aladdin and Martha Cox in High School Musical (Raa). Jada would like to thank her mom, her best friend Victoria who will hopefully get into performing soon, and Mrs. Marshall for being the best Theatre teacher.



Angela Das (Moth) is the daughter of Sonali Das and Keith Srinivasan. This is her first show at Leon. She is fascinated by the role of a fairy. She has just moved to the United States and is excited to perform. Angela would like to thank her family and friends for pushing her to her capabilities, especially her grandmother for always having her back and supporting her unconditionally. She would also like to thank Mrs. Marshall for believing in her and providing this opportunity.

Parker Matherne is a junior at Leon High School and she loves all things to do with theatre. She loves to volunteer for the FSU School of Film as an extra and participated in the districts theatre festival as well as Leon Melodears and Capital Singers :)



Kanari'i Tolbert (Thistle) will be starring in her first Leon play. She would like to thank Mrs. Marshall for letting her be a part of this outstanding production, and the amazing people she's worked alongside with. She also wants to thank Coach Reed for being lenient regarding her practice schedule, and her parents for supporting her by picking her up everyday even though she troubled them.

Nyx Hiers (Nightshade), known as the Phantom of the Theatre room, is a sophomore at Leon High School, and this is their first time starring in a Leon show. They love bats and their favorite teacher in the world, the wonderful Mrs. Marshall. They would like to thank their family and friends for supporting them in this role, and can't wait for all of you to enjoy the show.



Lilly Telfer (Assistant/Student Director) is a Junior at Leon High School enjoying another great year in Leon Theatre. She has worked on and off stage in previous Leon productions and worked with Southern Shakespeare Company as an actor and as a student board representative. Lilly would like to thank Mrs. Marshall and Mills for making this show an amazing experience, as well as her actors for putting up with her.

Cathryn Sproul (Technical Director) is currently a junior at Leon. She is heavily involved in JROTC and Thespians. She's been participating in theatre since the third grade, as both an actor and stage crew. She enjoys binge watching Marvel movies, the outdoors, hanging out with her friends, hockey, and beating her friends at pool. Some fun facts about her are that she has five pets, has broken 12 bones, and loves Disney's Hollywood Studios more than life itself.

Mills Schaefer is a junior and in their first year at Leon. They also stage managed the fall one act, "The One Act that Goes Wrong" and is super excited for this show. Their previous acting roles include Featured Ensemble in 'Shrek', Wednesday/Demeter in 'Night of Mischief Cabaret' and Countess Lily in 'Anastasia'. They are also involved in Leon chorus as a member of Capital Singers and Melodears. Along with chorus, they are a proud member of Thespian Troupe 1429 and a production team member. They would like to thank all of the amazing friendships they've made during this show and Ms. Marshall for trusting them with this job.



everything casts a shadow—
even the world we live in. . .

{v.e. schwab. gallant}

**The course of putting on a play
never did run smooth
BUT these people/organizations
helped to make this production
even more magical...**

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Almira Malley

Parent Dream Team (Dress Rehearsal Dinner)

Burrito Boarder

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Leah Whiting & Erica Sears for crocheting costumes

Tabitha Peck and her amazing technical students

Southern Shakespeare

Mike Mock

**& Thank you Leon Administration Team and Staff
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