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***The Youth Acting Company at The Hanover Theatre Conservatory
presents A Midsummer Night's Dream on February 23!***



Worcester, Mass. (February 19, 2024) Experience Brendon Fox's adaptation of the classic Shakespeare comedy, [A Midsummer Night's Dream](#), presented by The Hanover Theatre Conservatory's Youth Acting Company **February 23-25, 2024!**

Tickets are on sale now!

Friday, February 23, 2024, 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 24, 2024, 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 25, 2024, 2:00 pm

On Midsummer's eve, four rebellious young lovers, a band of ambitious artisan players, and a feuding Fairy King and Queen all cross paths in a riotously enchanted forest. When the shapeshifting, mischief-making Puck, the Fairy Queen's servant, is ordered to cast spells on everyone, what could possibly go wrong?

Don't miss this dreamy adaptation! Brendon Fox is a director, teacher, adapter and producer who has worked nationally and internationally at prominent regional theaters, universities and training programs, including Prague Shakespeare Company, The Julliard School, Cleveland Playhouse, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Long Wharf Theater, Portland Center Stage, and the Colorado Shakespeare Festival.

The talented cast includes local teens from central Massachusetts, Claudia Rufo of Plainville as Hermia, Aidan O'Brien of Clinton as Lysander, Hudson-based Chase Bolduc as Theseus and Maya Harrington as Hippolyta, Devon Thomson of Hopedale as Demetrius, Alex Eppinger of Holliston as Peter Quince, Sterling-based Matt Trombley as Flute/Cobweb and Rylie Schoville as Snug/Peaseblossom, Isabella Rossi of Holden as Oberon, Ainsleigh Flanagan of West Boylston as Titania, Ien Ruark of Harvard as Puck/ Philostrate and Worcester-based teens Victoria Rich as Helena, Jason Murillo as Egeus, Astrid Bidwell as Nick Bottom and Mateo Luna Ortegon as Snout/Mote.

In addition to previously mentioned director Brendon Fox, the production team includes producer Meghan Montaner, lighting designer Laura J. Eckelman, costume designer Perri Sylvester, audio designer and engineer Chris Rando, scenery and props fabricator Matthew Nachtrieb, intimacy choreographer Kathryn Moncrief, movement choreographer Robb Gibbs, stage manager Erin Kearney along with stage management practicum students Julianna Caputo of Hopkington, Mickey Leto and Jordan Marrero, light board operator and programmer Jack Ploetz along with electricians Amelia Jones and Nick Sorel.

Tickets are on sale now! These performances will be held in Worcester's BrickBox Theater in the [Jean McDonough Arts Center](#) at 20 Franklin Street, Worcester. Tickets are \$25. Seating is general admission. Please contact the box office at [877.571.7469](tel:877.571.7469) or visit TheHanoverTheatre.org for additional information.

About the Youth Acting Company

YAC is our resident performance company, by invitation only. The company was created to give young, capable actors (ages 14-19) performance opportunities throughout the year with a variety of directors and performance genres.

About The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts

Since opening in 2008, The Hanover Theatre has entertained more than two million guests with Broadway musicals, comedy headliners, music, dance and more. POLLSTAR consistently ranks The Hanover Theatre as one of the top theatres in the world. The award-winning historic theatre continues to establish its place as a world-class center for the performing arts, a venue for local cultural and civic organizations and a catalyst for the revitalization of downtown Worcester. The Hanover Theatre's facilities at 551 Main Street house function spaces, offices and The Hanover Theatre Conservatory.

The Hanover Theatre Conservatory provides performance opportunities, classes, and individual instruction in theatre, dance and technical theatre and design to more than 500 young people and adults from across central Massachusetts each year. Established in 2016, the conservatory cultivates individual attention, ignites creativity and inspires confidence through arts education led by outstanding teaching artists. The state-of-the-art facility includes classrooms, rehearsal and teaching studios, and tech and costume labs for advanced education in stage craft and design. Students receive access to master classes with national touring artists and gain professional experience from performance opportunities with THT Rep and on The Hanover Theatre's world-class stage. THTC believes in access to arts education for all and provides financial aid for those in need. Many conservatory students have continued their pursuit of the arts at institutions such as Emerson College, Boston University, NYU, Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Berklee College of Music, Hofstra, Hartt School at the University of Hartford, Marymount Manhattan College, Syracuse University and more.

Worcester Center for Performing Arts is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, which owns and operates The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts (THT) and, on behalf of the Worcester Cultural Coalition (WCC), manages Worcester's BrickBox Theater at the Jean McDonough Arts Center (JMAC). All [donations](#) are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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