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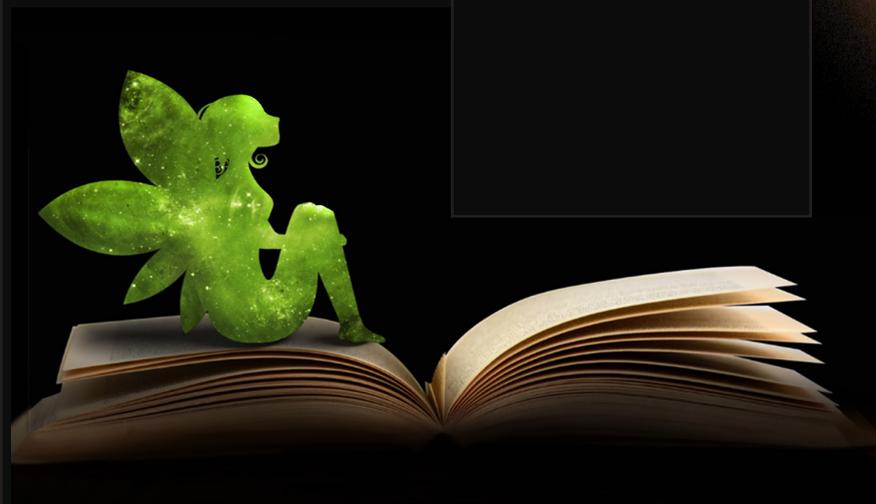
COMMUNITY THEATER

August 21, 2021

2:00pm & 5:30pm

August 22, 2021

2:00pm



William Shakespeare's

*A Midsummer  
Night's  
Dream*

Performing at  
Pankowski Friends  
Ampitheater  
at Schmeekle Reserve

## Cast

Joe Bloom - Lysander  
Monica Davisson - Peter Quince  
Drew Davisson - Snug, Cobweb  
Kaz Dunbar - Oberon  
David Edgren - Snout the Tinker  
Moira Enders - Peaseblossom, Starveling  
Amanda Freberg - Hippolyta, Fairy 1  
Michael LeClair - Bottom  
Izzy Macomber - Helena  
Jacob Mathias - Demetrius  
Joe Nowinski - Flute  
Liliana Nowinski - Mustardseed  
Eli Omernik - Oberon's Court  
Tom Russell - Egeus  
Melanie Smith - Titania  
Dorabian Szydzick'Rente - Theseus  
Genevieve Weaver - Hermia  
Ana Wilson - Moth  
Ariel Zoromski - Puck

## Director's Notes

A Midsummer Night's Dream is Shakespeare's most popular romantic comedy, so when I was given the chance to direct it this summer I was thrilled. A classic comedy that takes place in the woods performed on a stage that is in the woods, written by the master of language, containing several pairs of lovers, woodland sprites of all kinds and a troupe of amateur actors fumbling their way through a classic piece of their own.....how could I resist?

In this play, Shakespeare has given us everything we need for fun and laughter on a beautiful summer's day. We at cwACT have worked diligently to give you exactly that. Our lovers love not wisely, perhaps, but all too well. Our fairy kingdom is lively, magical and up to plenty of highjinks involving themselves and the mortals around them. Our country bumpkin troupe of players is all you could hope for in country bumpkin-ness. We even have live musicians who get into "the act"! So sit back, relax and prepare to enjoy thyselfes most merrily at cwACT's presentation of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream!

-Susan Edgren, Director

## Story Description

Theseus of Athens has won a war and a new bride. King Oberon of the Fairy Kingdom is determined to win an argument with his lady Titania, but not faring well. Hermia loves Lysander, but her father wants her to marry Demetrius who is loved by Helena, and Bottom the weaver is trying to whip his tradesmen friends into shape to perform a play for his king's wedding day. Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is a wildly funny romantic comedy fit for a king - and your family this summer at Schmeekle Park!

## Scene Synopsis

Setting: Athens and Surrounding Forest, once upon a time...

### ACT ONE

Scene 1: The Duke's Court. Midday

Scene 2: Outside the Gates of the City. Afternoon.

### ACT TWO

The Surrounding Forest. About 9pm.

### ACT THREE

The Surrounding Forest. Later that night.

### ACT FOUR

Scene 1: The Surrounding Forest. Near daybreak.

Scene 2: Empty hall of Athens. The Next Day.

### ACT FIVE

The Duke's Court. The Next Evening.

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## Production Crew

Artistic Director - Susan Edgren  
Stage Manager - Diane Kranig  
House Manager - Letty Casler-Demski  
Costume Design - Maxine Hogan  
Beth Omernik  
Amy Schwaab  
Costume Team - Monica Davisson  
Moira Enders  
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Makeup / Hair Design - Maya Ramsmeier  
Props Teams - Diane Kranig  
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Set Design - Pat Hogan  
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Poster Design - Tonya Haze  
Producer - Joe Nowinski  
Props Design - Diane Kranig  
Ariel Zoromski

## Musicians

Ann Kleifgen, Mary Nowinski,  
Beth Omernik, John Omernik

The music for this production was composed by Susan Edgren and arranged by Beth Omernik.

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## Cast & Crew Biographies

Joe Bloom - **Lysander:** Joe Bloom is absolutely ecstatic to be returning to live theatre. Joe is currently attending UWSP going into his 3rd year of the BFA Acting program at the university. Joe has recently played Caiaphas the Elder in UWSP's Production of *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* and participated in the UWSP's Players Student Artistic Alliance Fringe Festival. Joe would like to thank his family, friends, and roommates for their constant and unwavering support in his endeavors.

Monica Davisson - **Peter Quince:** Monica celebrates her 30th year with cwACT. Some of her favorite roles include Agnes Gooch in "Mame" (2005) and Mrs. Ravenscroft in "Ravenscroft" (2015). Most recently, she voiced Teddy, the copy-boy, in CWACT's Radio Play, "Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus." She is honored and excited to work with this talented and versatile cast!

Drew Davisson - **Snug/ Cobweb:** Drew is estactic to be back with her hometown theater family! She has been bit by the theater bug ever since her famliy dragged her into it. She's even dabbled as a director when in high school. Currently pursuing her Art Education degree, she has been tasked with transforming some of the characters in this show.

Kaz Dunbar - **Oberon:** Kaz is excited to return to the stage after focusing on acclimating to his new home and career in Stevens Point. An Appleton native for 30 years before moving, Kaz has walked the boards with UW Fox Valley Menasha, Attic Theatre, and an annual stint as Rocky in Rocky Horror Picture Show(ing) at Deja Vu Martini Lounge. He is honored and excited to join cwACT and the wonderful cast of this lovely, silly, and in-all-ways-wonderful show!

David Edgren - **Snout the Tinker:** David is thrilled to be in another Shakespeare play, as well as another play with cwACT. David's on stage experience mainly comes from WRCT, two of his biggest roles being Bloody the Clown in 2020's *Creepshow* and Wilson in *Harvey*. In 2017 he had the honor of playing Claudio in cwACT's production of *Much Ado About Nothing*, and enjoyed acting alongside some veterans of the group as well as breaking many hearts over the performances.

Moira Enders - **Peaseblossom and Starveling:** This is Moira's third time performing on stage with CWACT, and their first time performing Shakespeare. Moira is absolutely terrible at writing bios, but would like to thank their friends and family for their unending love and support.

Michael LeClair - **Bottom:** This is Mike's first show with CWACT, but he directed over 70 plays and musicals at high schools in Sheboygan County. MSND is his favorite play (this is his sixth production of it), so he is very excited to play his "dream role" of Bottom! Mike also enjoys the outdoors, travel, and playing Dungeons and Dragons--which is a lot like acting!



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Izzy Macomber - **Helena:** Izzy is new to the cwACT stage, but she isn't new to theater. She has been acting at WRCT since she was six years old! Some of her most recent roles include Rootie in WRCT's "Graceland" and Jo in WRCT's "Winter Frost". She would like to thank her family for inspiring her to get back onstage.

Jacob Mathias - **Demetrius:** Jacob Mathias is a high school English teacher who reads much more Shakespeare than he acts. Jacob graduated from UW-Stevens Point in 2019 with a B.A. in English. This is his first performance with CWACT. He wants to thank his wife for being patient.

Joe Nowinski - **Flute:** Joe graduated UW-Stevens Point in 2009 with a BFA in Acting. He has starred recently as Mr. Feldzieg in cwACT's *The Drowsy Chaperone*. He also has played the Baker in "Into the Woods" and "Friar Laurence" in Hysterical Production's "Romeo & Juliet." Joe wants to thank his family for being part of the cast and crew as well as having cwACT help him achieve a life long dream in such a beautiful space.

Liliana Nowinski - **Mustardseed:** Liliana is so pleased to be in her first show ever with her fairy friends, her mom, and her dad. She was obsessed with *Midsummer Night's Dream* for a while. She thanks Susan for giving her a chance to be on stage. She also thanks her mom, dad, and little brother for being a great family.

Eli Omernik - **Oberon's Court:** CWACT has given Eli the opportunity to play Cousin It in *The Addams Family*, and Michael Banks in "Mary Poppins". Eli is especially excited to play this rather magical and mischievous role. He is a voracious reader, a creative Dungeons and Dragons player, and, at the ripe old age of eleven, is writing his own fantasy novels. Eli is grateful to meet more new theater friends, and is thrilled to get out of the house, and entertain a live audience again.

Melanie Smith - **Titania:** Melanie graduated from UW-Stevens Point in 2021 with a MS in Speech Language Pathology. Melanie keeps busy with her four children, her partner in crime, her menagerie of animals, and her addiction to house plants. She is very excited to be in a play with her daughter Ana. Melanie owes her sanity and success to the many wonderful members of her family, her friends, her plants, and her stalker dogs Sadie and Spike Jack.

Dorabian Szydzick'Rente - **Theseus:** Dorabian graduated from Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High school in 2012. His studies were oriented around Theatre, Musical Theatre, Vocals, Classical Vocals. From the Age of 2-17 He went through the UWSP Aber Suzuki Center & American Suzuki Institute. He has been apart of the CWCC plays: *Harvey*, *Mosha Sonia Vonia and Spike*. Dorabian was also "Dep'ed" into the United States Air Force in 2018, and was sent out on active duty in 2020. His nextsteps are focusing on his "Gateway Career" and will be working towards getting into Diesel Academy.

Genevieve Weaver - **Hermia:** Genevieve Weaver is honored to share in the creation of the first Schmeekle Shakes production. Genevieve has been in theatre productions and dance since she was small and went two years at UW-Stevens Point in the BFA-Acting Program, but her first time with cwACT! She has her heart set on bringing tears and laughter to others through theatre and film. She wishes to thank her incredible and loving family and friends for supporting her and helping her dreams become a reality.

Ana Wilson - **Moth:** Ana is a high school student. This is her play outside of school. She wants to thank her Grandfather for introducing her to theater as a child. As well as her parents for supporting her love of theater.

Ariel Zoromski - **Puck:** Ariel Zoromski is extremely excited to share with you her first production with the cwACT Company as well as her first ever Shakespeare performance! She is a proud sophomore BFA Acting Major at UW-Stevens Point and is thrilled to display her training on the stage. Ariel has recently starred in OOTW Theater's production of "Maid Marian or the True Tale of Robin Hood" as Marian/Robin Hood. I sincerely thank my college acting professor (you know who you are) for training me in the subjects of commedia and viewpoints, both of which helped me build Puck from scratch.

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Susan Edgren - **Director:** Susan Leslie Edgren has been a Wisconsin Rapids resident for over 20 years. Her cwACT credits include directing *Much Ado About Nothing*, *The Philadelphia Story*, *Bedroom Farce*, *The Lion In Winter* and *Blithe Spirit* as well as playing *Mother Abbess* in *The Sound of Music*, *Mrs. Braxton* in *Night Must Fall*, *Dottie* in *Noises Off!*, *Jack's Mother* in *Into The Woods*, *Grandma Addams* in *The Addams Family Musical* and *Mrs. Brill* in *Mary Poppins*. Susan has an MFA in Theatre Directing from the University of Minnesota.

Maxine Hogan - **Costumer:** Maxine has been with cwACT since her high school years, when her Drama teacher was directing one of the first shows. That's back in the days of rehearsals across the community in commandeered spaces, set building in and airport hangar, storage of costumes and props in the basement

of a Doctor's office, and any stage in a storm! She is grateful for the generosity of our founding members and supporters, whose foresight provided us with a place to keep it all under one roof.

Ann Kleifgen **The Harpist:** Ann has taken a long hiatus from cwACT but is thrilled to be back to pluck the harp strings for this production. Many thanks to her husband and sons for supporting her creative endeavors.

Mary Nowinski **Musician:** is having a wonderful time playing music with the fairy band and is excited to be a part of this production with her husband and daughter. Mary is a music teacher in the Stevens Point school district. She recently served as pit orchestra director for cwACT's "The Drowsy Chaperone" and played the role of "Molly" in cwACT's "Smell of the Kill." Mary sends a big thank you to her parents and inlaws for helping with childcare this weekend, and to Joe, Liliana, and Joey for their love and support.

John Omernik **Musician/Sound Tech:** John is an active member of cwACT, serving as Treasurer for the organization, as well as taking part in productions. He's been on stage, in the pit, backstage, and anywhere something interesting is happening for the past 5 years, and appreciates the time he spends with his family on productions; both his real family as well as his theater family.

Beth Omernik **Music Director/Musician:** Beth can often be found in the wings, making music or creating costumes for CWACT shows. She loves to surround herself with "theater magic", and as with many other productions, she enjoys watching the cast, crew and production team bring a show to life. CWACT has welcomed the entire Omernik family into its fold, and each show is a grand adventure full of new people and wonderful memories.

Maya Ramseier **Costume, Hair, Makeup:** This is Maya Ramseier's first play she will be helping design costumes and makeup for. She will be attending UW-Stevens Point in the fall for a BFA in Theater Design and Technology. In the past, she played Chitra in Ben Franklin Middle School's "The Jungle Book" and Snow White in "What Happened After Once Upon A Time."

Amy Schwaab - **Costumes:** Amy loves all things Shakespeare! She is so pleased to be able to "play" with all these wonderful people. As always, she thanks her family for encouraging her creative bent!

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