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A Midsummer

Night's Dream

by William Shakespeare

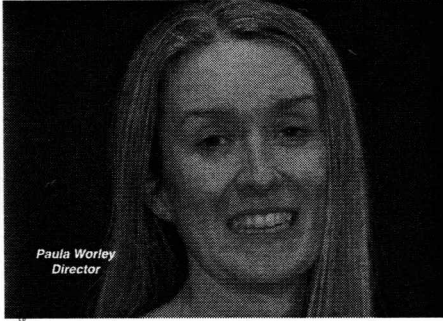
Produced by Jack Boyagian
Directed by Paula Worley

FIREHALL THEATRE, COBOURG

STUDENT MATINÉE PERFORMANCES NOV 6, 7, 13, 14, 2014

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES NOV 8, 15, 8:00 PM

NOV 16, 2:00 PM MATINÉE



Paula Worley
Director

Director's Notes

This production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is a contemporary look at an old tale. I have set the story in 1850s Canada, transcribing several male roles into female to address the female perspective. With a bare

black set, and the audience reminded by key characters that they are 'watching a play', my inspiration is taken from Bertolt Brecht and his 20th century Epic theatre style. With no place for actors to hide when off-stage, we feel the performance all around us, enjoying the actors transport from one character to another.

The audience's attention is further broken by a variety of contemporary and traditional music interspersed and by magnificent headpieces on androgynous fairies. Superstition is echoed throughout the play with Morris Dancing and symbolism. As a fresh look at Puck, he appears in the role of crow man, taken from the traditional British superstition of showing respect to any member of the crow family to avert bad luck. This hilarious comedy with its complex sub-plots is for all audiences or all ages, as well as supportive of secondary school curriculum.

I have had a passion for William Shakespeare's work for over thirty years. My debut acting performance was as a teenager in the role of Sebastian from *Twelfth Night*. Being traditionally a male role, this inspired me to address why male roles in Shakespeare's works cannot be transcribed into female. Since my days of secondary school in the UK, I continued further education, acquiring a Diploma in Theatre Studies, Theatre Arts and Technical design, followed by a Degree in Acting at Guildford School of Acting (University of Surrey, UK). I worked as an actor and dancer, and taught drama in the UK. Since moving to Canada in 2007, I have taught theatre arts in Northumberland County, Peterborough and Toronto. I have acted as a voice coach, choreographer and director. I am also an artist and puppet maker and work from my home studio. I established Shakespeare Street Theatre in 2009, Northumberland County's first Shakespeare theatre group.

Paula Worley

Cast

(in order of appearance)

Caelan Cox	. . .	Philostrate and Puck
Ernie Alkenbrack	. . .	Theseus
Kirsty Bowles	. . .	Hippolyta, Mustardseed
Cathy Borowec	. . .	Egeus, Peasblossom, Flute
Emma Clarke	. . .	Hermia
Catherine Martin	. . .	Helena
Gaelen Palleske	. . .	Lysander
Ryan McMurray-Helm	. . .	Demetrius
Dave Clark	. . .	Oberon
Colleen Lewis	. . .	Titania, Starveling
Kelsey Morwood	. . .	Moth, Snout
Mandy Robinson	. . .	Cobweb, Quince
Mike Chowns	. . .	Nick Bottom

Setting

1850s, Canada

Act 1	Scene 1.	Town. House of Theseus.
	Scene 2.	Town outside.
Act 2	Scene 1.	The wood.
	Scene 2.	Another part of the wood
Act 3	Scene 1.	The wood.
	Scene 2.	Another part of the wood.
Act 4	Scene 1.	The wood.
	Scene 2.	Town outside.
Act 5	Scene 1.	Town. House of Theseus.

Production Volunteers

- Producer . . . Jack Boyagian
- Director . . . Paula Worley
- Stage Manager . . . Christiana Ripley
- Set Designer . . . Paula Worley
- Set Construction Head . . . Jack Boyagian
- Stage & Theatre Set-Up . . . Jan Crane, Jim Finan, Ward McCance, Jack Boyagian, Tim Russell, Garth Holloway, Dave McTavish, Mike Chard, Michael Vlajkov
- Costume Designer . . . Lisa Schnalzer-Missen
- Properties . . . Mike Chowns
- Set Painting . . . Jack Boyagian
- Dresser . . . Lisa Schnalzer-Missen
- Lighting Design . . . Ward McCance
- Lighting Hang . . . Ward McCance, Dave Clark,
- Lighting Operator . . . Ward McCance
- Sound Design and Set-Up . . . Paula Worley and Jack Boyagian
- Photography and Display . . . Alina Adjemian
- Sound Operator . . . Jack Boyagian
- Media Photography . . . Lana Missen
- Poster Design . . . Greg Curtis
- Facebook . . . Alina Adjemian
- Program . . . Maureen Holloway

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Music by Claude-Michel Schönberg
Lyrics by Herbert Kretzmer

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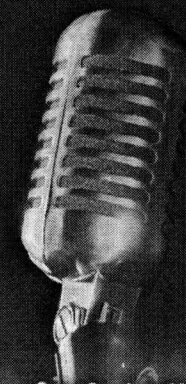
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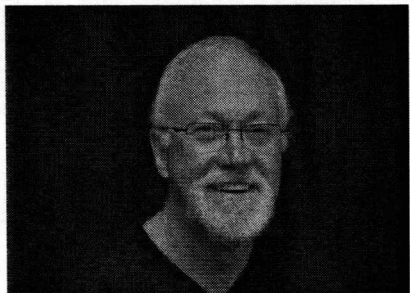
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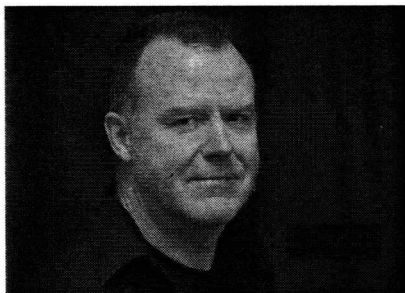
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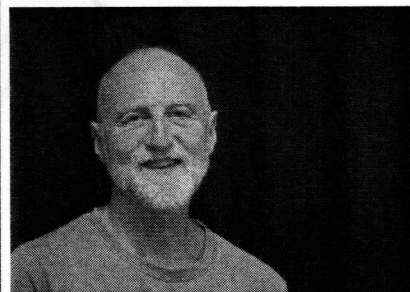
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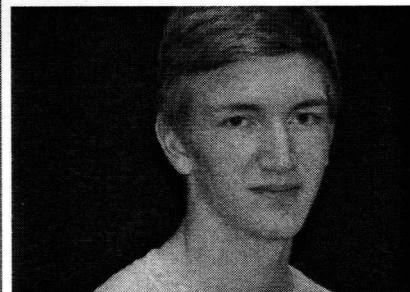
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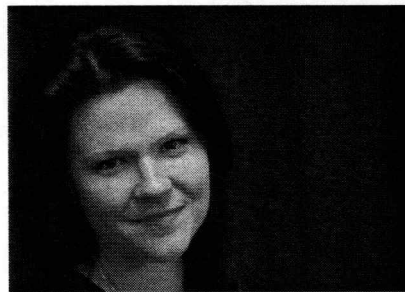
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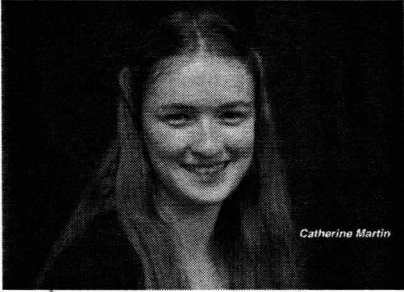
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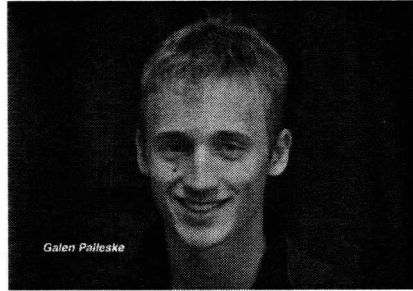
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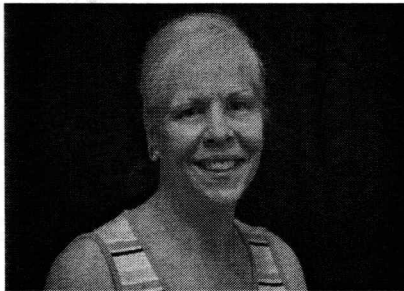
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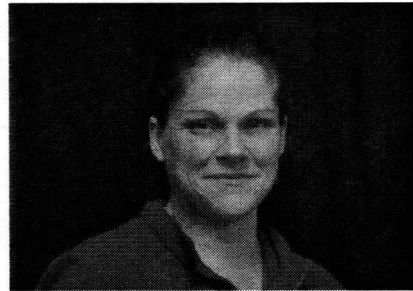
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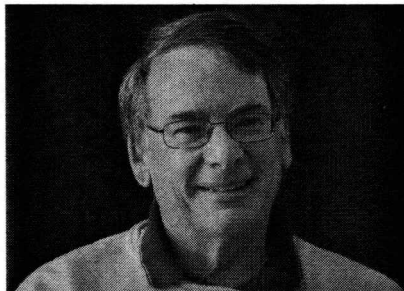
Galen Palleke



Mandy Robinson



Christiana Ripley



Ward McCance



Lisa Schnalzer-Missen



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Northumberland Players is live, local, and committed to bringing quality theatre to the whole family. In its 39 years, Northumberland Players has won Theatre Ontario awards for performance, directing, music and production. They also have a very active youth theatre program which performs a major children's Christmas production and runs drama camps throughout the summer months.

Northumberland Players provides opportunities in all aspects of quality theatre — over 250 enthusiastic, **un-paid volunteers** who work as actors, directors, producers, set builders, costume makers, etc., are proof there is passion for live theatre in Northumberland County. When you attend a not-for-profit theatre company, your entertainment dollars stay in the community, the cultural and economic benefits rippling throughout our community.

Home for Northumberland Players is the historic **Second Street Firehall** in Cobourg. The building houses the Players' administrative office, rehearsal spaces and a ground-floor theatre. The **Firehall Theatre** is an intimate venue with comfortable seating that can be arranged in various configurations to present innovative theatre to smaller audiences.

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Over 5000 people attended our productions last year. We hope this year even more people will see our shows. We also welcome members and volunteers to join us in producing quality theatre.

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- **Members** have a voice in Northumberland Players, a vote at the Annual General Meeting, and can serve on the Board of Directors. Membership fees provide on-going support for the administration of the Players. Memberships are \$25. A Family Membership of \$40 includes spouses and, as non-voting members, children and youth.
- **Volunteers** participate in all aspects of community theatre in acting, artistic, backstage, clerical, construction, production and/or technical roles on the production teams or in administrative roles. Many have "learned on the job".
- **Donors and Sponsors** provide financial support. The Ontario Trillium Foundation provided a grant to renovate a kitchen, and a grant from Rotary enabled us to upgrade the sound and lighting in the Firehall Theatre. This year, Northumberland Players would like to improve the entrance to the theatre.

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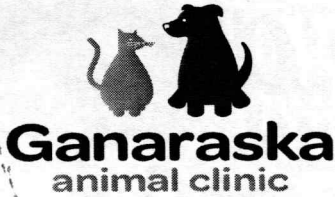
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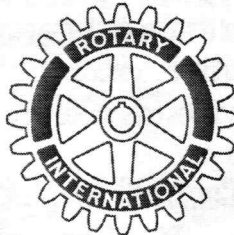


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