

# UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

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## THE HARTT SCHOOL

Dale A. Merrill, Dean  
Kevin Ramsey, Director of Theatre Division

present

# A Midsummer Night's Dream

by William Shakespeare

Costume Designer  
Collette Benoit

Choreographer  
Stephen Pier

Composer  
Kathryn Swanson

Set Designer  
Johann Fitzpatrick  
*Set repurposed from *Dance Nation**

Director  
Robert H. Davis

Thursday, May 2 – Sunday, May 5, 2024  
Edward C. and Ann T. Roberts Foundation Theatre

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*A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be performed a with 15-minute intermission.

## Cast

Theseus/Oberon	JEREMY PARROTT
Hippolyta/Titania	LILIANA ALVA
Hermia	SAMANTHA ACOSTA
Demetrius	JASON PIETROLUONGO
Lysander	SUDAN CHANG
Helena	HALLE JACOBSON
Quince	MAX UNLU
Bottom	AUDREY KAWECKI
Flute	JAKE BERUBE
Starveling/Cobweb	KATIE KALLAY
Snout/Mustardseed	JESSIE LEVIN
Snug/Peaseblossom	JENNA WILLET
Puck	MADDY ROTHSTEIN
Egeus/Philostrate	JOHN PAGLIARULO
First Fairy	MILANA SCHECHTMAN

## Dancers

KAITLYN COMBS, SOPHIA DAVIS, ELLA FISCHER,  
SARAH LAPORTO, ISABELLA SILVERCASE, GABE WITTRUP

## Understudies

for Theseus/Oberon: MAX UNLU; for Hippolyta/Titania: JESSIE LEVIN;  
for Demetrius: JOHN PAGLIARULO; for Lysander: JAKE BERUBE;  
for Helena: KATIE KALLAY; for Bottom: JENNA WILLET;  
for Puck: MILANA SCHECHTMAN; for First Fairy: EMMA DEWITT;  
for Hermia/Starveling/Cobweb/Snout/Mustardseed/  
Snug/Peaseblossom: MADISON SATTERFIELD;  
for Quince/Flute/Egeus/Philostrate: ELIAS KAPLAN

## Director's Note

As the spring semester comes to an end with our production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, I wish to celebrate my longtime colleague, Larry "Z" Rowe. As The Hartt School's Technical Director, Larry has made the impossible possible on our stages since January of 2000. Leading our amazing technical staff, he has always found a way to make our productions glisten and open on time. Larry recently announced his retirement as Technical Director. I know I can speak for the Hartt family when I say that he will be deeply missed. For all the students you have served and all the magic you helped us create, **thank you, Z!**

- Robert H. Davis

## About the Director

Robert H. Davis is Professor of Theatre at The Hartt School. As a professional actor and vocal coach, he has worked in New York and at regional theatres across the country. At Hartford Stage he played in *A Christmas Carol* for 15 years as Bob Cratchit. He received a Connecticut Critics Circle Award for *The Exonerated* at Theater Works of Hartford and appeared in *Show Boat* at the Goodspeed Opera House. For The Hartt School Theatre Division he has directed numerous productions including *Nicholas Nickleby*, *Richard III*, and *On the 20th Century*.

## About the Choreographer

Stephen Pier has performed with the Royal Danish Ballet, the Hamburg Ballet, the José Limón Company, and as a guest artist. Mr. Pier taught for the Royal Danish Ballet's company and school while serving as ballet master and dancer from 1990 to 1996 and was a full-time faculty member of The Juilliard School from 1996-2010. In addition to directing The Hartt School Dance Division, Stephen Pier is internationally respected as a teacher, director, and coach.

## About the Composer

Dr. Kathryn Swanson began her career working in various capacities in the Hollywood industry. Since moving to Hartford, she has enjoyed collaborating with area musicians, composing for choir and orchestra, and scoring for several dance and theater productions. This past year she has composed for two dance productions: *Paper Dolls* and *Canticle for Innocent Comedians*. Currently, Kathryn is teaching courses in film scoring, musicianship, music history, and music theory.

## **Production Staff**

Technical Director (Scene Shop)	Larry “Z” Rowe
Technical Director (Roberts Theatre)	John Holder
Shop Foreman	Charles “OX” Gara
Master Carpenter	Robert “BJ” Holland
Properties Master	Meghan McDonald
Scenic Charge	Paula Blyzido Bleck
Costume Shop Manager	Collette Benoit
Cutter/Draper	Jennifer Ellenberger
First Hand	Marti Simmons
Stitcher	Amanda Smith
Stitcher	Kay Bae
Stitcher	Cali Holt
Wardrobe/Rental Coordinator	Tim Milligan
Wardrobe Supervisor	Sophie Firestone
Sound Effects	Nicole Costa

## **Student Production Staff**

Assistant Director	Emma DeWitt
Stage Manager/Light Board Operator	Callum Walz
Assistant Stage Managers	Elias Kaplan and Madison Satterfield
Sound Board Operator	Analiese Driscoll
Running Crew	Jessica Camilleri
	Joshua Leiser
Costume Crew	Thomas Biamonte
	Talese Brown
	Kiersten Davis
	Aidan Price
	McKenna Whyte-Shearer