Kitsap Forest Theater

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Arne Zaslove's

1950's Rock & Roll

A Midsummer Night's Dream

August 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24 2008

Director: Ellen Graham

Music Director: Bryan Manzo

Choreographer: Guy Caridi

Keyboardist: Olivia Hickerson

Costumers: Barb Baker & Lisa Emmons

Set Design: Will Gray

Arne Zaslove's Rock & Roll A Midsummer Night's Dream is presented by the Mountaineers Players

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Synopsis of Scenes

Rock & Roll A Midsummer Night's Dream is set in 1957 at Athens High School during the final school assembly before the annual graduation prom.

Prologue	Athens High School Gym	Company
Act 1, Scene 1	Outside Athens High School	Theseus, Hippolyta, Puck, Egeus, Lovers
Scene 2	Near Athens High School	Custodians
Act 2, Scene 1	In the forest	Puck, Fairies, Oberon, Titania, Demetrius, Helena
Scene 2	Another part of the forest	Titania, Oberon, Lovers
Act 3, Scene 1	The forest	Custodians, Puck, Titania, Fairies
Scene 2	Another part of the forest	Oberon, Puck, Lovers

Intermission

Act 4, Scene 1	Same part of the forest	Lovers, Titania, Bottom, Fairies, Oberon, Puck, Theseus, Hippolyta, Egeus
Scene 2	Athens High School Gym	Custodians
Act 5, Scene 1	Athens High School Gym	Company

Cast of Characters

Theseus, principal of Athens High School ..... Jamie Estill
Hippolyta, drama/gym teacher; engaged to Theseus..... Diane Walker
Egeus, Hermia's father ..... Brian Lindvall
Lovers (Seniors, Class of 1957, Athens High)
- Lysander ..... Evan Randall
- Demetrius ..... Stuart Baker
- Hermia ..... Ashleigh Emmons
- Helena ..... Sydney Kaser

Oberon, recent graduate of Athens High..... Daniel Stoltenberg
Titania, recent graduate of Athens High ..... Amy Beth Lindvall
Puck, freshman at Athens High ..... Jenny Estill
Athens High Cheerleaders
- Peaseblossom ..... Erica Wyatt
- Cobweb ..... Sharon McClintock
- Moth ..... Michelle Heath
- Mustardseed ..... Valerie Foster

Athens High Custodians
- Nick Bottom ..... Dan Niven
- Peter Quince ..... Luc James Rosenthal
- Toni Snout (Lunch Lady) ..... Leah Wener-Fligner
- Francis Flute ..... Brendan Payne
- Snug the Joiner ..... Mick Etchoe
- Starveling ..... Brian Lindvall

Director's Notes

We are performing Arne Zaslove's version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (combining 50's rock and roll with Shakespeare's poetry) in the most beautiful setting imaginable – if Shakespeare were alive he'd not only approve, he'd be jealous! All the familiar themes of mistaken identity, magic and the power of true love are seen through the world of bobby socks, poodle skirts and leather jackets. So get ready to sit back, tap your toes, and enjoy the show!

Ellen Graham

Synopsis

Lysander loves Hermia, and Hermia loves Lysander. Helena loves Demetrius; Demetrius used to love Helena but now loves Hermia. Egeus, Hermia's father, prefers Demetrius as a suitor, and enlists the aid of Theseus to enforce his wishes upon his daughter. Hermia is given four days to choose between Demetrius, life in a nunnery, or a death sentence. Hermia, ever defiant, chooses to escape with Lysander into the surrounding forest.

Complications arise in the forest. Oberon and Titania are locked in a dispute over a boy whom Titania has adopted. Oberon instructs Puck to bring him a magic flower, which Oberon will touch on Titania's eyes as she sleeps, whereupon Titania will fall in love with the first creature she sees upon awakening. Meanwhile, Helena and Demetrius have also fled into the woods after Lysander and Hermia. Oberon, overhearing Demetrius's denouncement of Helena, takes pity upon her and tells Puck to place the magic flower on the eyes of Demetrius as well, so that Demetrius may fall in love with Helena. Puck, however, makes the mistake of putting the flower in the eyes of Lysander instead. Helena stumbles over Lysander in the forest, and the spell is cast; Lysander now desires Helena and renounces a stunned Hermia.

In the midst of this chaos, a group of custodians are rehearsing for a production of "Pyramus and Thisbe," to be played for Theseus at the prom. Puck impishly casts a spell on Bottom to give him the head of a donkey. Puck insures that Bottom is the first thing Titania sees when she awakes; hence, Bottom ends up being lavishly kept by Titania. Oberon enjoys this sport, but is less amused when it becomes apparent that Puck has botched up the attempt to unite Demetrius and Helena. Oberon himself anoints Demetrius with the love potion and ensures that Helena is the first person he sees; however, Helena understandably feels that she is now being mocked by both Demetrius and Lysander (who is still magically enamored of her).

Finally, Oberon decides that all good sports must come to an end. He puts the four lovers to sleep and gives Lysander the antidote for the love potion so that he will love Hermia again when they all wake up. Next, Oberon gives Titania the antidote, and they reconcile. Theseus and Hippolyta then discover Lysander, Hermia, Helena, and Demetrius asleep in the forest. All return to Athens High to make sense of what they think is a strange dream. Likewise, Bottom returns to his players, and they perform "Pyramus and Thisbe" at the prom.

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Music & Dance Staff

Music Director ..... Bryan Manzo
Keyboardist ..... Olivia Hickerson
Auxilary Percussion/Page Turner ..... Trenton Hickerson
Piccolo ..... Sydney Kaser
Alto Saxophone ..... Amy Beth Lindvall
Trombone ..... Dan Niven
Accordian/Harmonica ..... Mick Etchoe
Choreographer ..... Guy Caridi
Dance Captain ..... Amy Beth Lindvall
Cheer Captain ..... Erica Wyatt

Production Staff

Co-Producers ..... Nancy Estill, Gala Lindvall

Stage Manager ..... Rachel Jones
Assistant Stage Manager ..... Melinda Bunnage

Costume Design & Creation ..... Barb Baker & Lisa Emmons
Ashleigh Emmons, Sherri Gray, Sydney Kaser

Set Design & Construction ..... Will Gray

Set Dressing ..... Scott Baker, Gail Foster
Melinda Bunnage, Valerie Foster

Props ..... Nancy Estill

Sound Design ..... Mark Malnes
Marcus Hickerson

Trail Decorations ..... Gail Foster

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Marcus, Olivia & Tea Hickerson, Lee Ann Hittenberger, Amy Beth Lindvall, Heidi Svennson, Linnea Svennson, Players' Committee and entire *A Midsummer Night's Dream* cast, crew & families.

Seabeck Road Sign
Lisa Emmons, Ashleigh Emmons, Sarah Gray, Gala Lindvall

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The Mountaineers Players

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Production Staff Bios

Ellen Graham is pleased to be making her debut with the Mountaineers Players. She would like to thank an amazing cast, producers, Guy, Bryan & Olivia for making it all so fun and easy. It will be really hard to work indoors after this.

Guy Caridi has been choreographing and performing dance since 1991, and for the Players since 2002. He's competed, coached & judged at national dance competitions; taught and performed internationally. He is Artistic Director for Savoy Swing Club.

Bryan Manzo loves music and the absurd. What better way to meet the Mountaineers than as music director of a show that uses 50's pop to accentuate Elizabethan comedy. It's been a sheer joy! *www.jupejupemusic.com*

Olivia Hickerson has been toting a keyboard around the Kitsap Peninsula since 1998. She has been a teacher, accompanist, and band member, but enjoys playing for live theater best of all. For that reason, she is thrilled to be playing for her first Mountaineers show this summer.

Will Gray was a pirate and lost an awkward sword fight with a small boy. He was more successful swinging a hammer and built a house set for a small girl named Anne (with an E) Shirley. Last year he was swinging a sword and a hammer . . . better with the hammer and no green velvet.

Rachel Jones is an aspiring photographer and is enjoying her 6th show with the Players. She wants you to enjoy the show and go to *www.RachelJPhotos.com* when you get home!

Melinda Bunnage is glad for the opportunity to 'understudy' stage managing this rockin' show of poodle skirts and Elvis hair!

Nancy Estill & **Gala Lindvall** are co-producing their 12th show for the Mountaineers Players. Like salmon returning to Chico Creek, the beauty of this theater draws them back every year.

Cast Bios

Stuart Baker returns for his 8th show with the Mountaineers. In the fall he will start his second year at Montana State University where he is studying Environmental Science and playing trombone and rugby.

Ashleigh Emmons is excited to be in her 6th show with the Players. Favorite roles: Anne Frank (*Diary of Anne Frank* – Driftwood), Elizabeth (*Robin Hood: The Legend Continues)* & Tinkerbelle (*Peter Pan)* – Mountaineers, and Peter Pan (*Peter Pan* – Kings Players).

Jamie Estill's 27 years as a school principal have been excellent preparation for this role. Previous Players' roles include Will Scarlet *(Robin Hood),* Abel Frake *(State Fair),* and Mordcha *(Fiddler).*

Jenny Estill is thrilled to be home at the Forest Theater, where she has previously appeared as Dorothy in *Wizard of Oz,* Wendy in *Peter Pan,* Anne in *Anne of Green Gables* and as an instructor at this year's Youth Theater Camp. With gratitude, to Mark Sheppard & David Fogg.

Mick Etchoe is happy to be working with this group of talented people in his third Mountaineers Production. His other creative outlets are music and photography.

Valerie Foster is in 9th grade and has performed with the Players for 9 years. She also did the spring show this year. When not on stage with her parents, she likes to read and snowboard.

Michelle Heath is delighted to be in her 2nd Mountaineers show. She was last seen as an orpahn in *Oliver!.* She is enjoying playing a ditzy cheerleader in this show.

Sydney Kaser is delighted to be in her first show with the Mountaineers! She is an undergrad at the University of Washington having a fantastic time exploring everything the world of academia has to offer. Thanks and love to Mom, Sam, Nick, and Dad (hope you're watching.)

Amy Beth Lindvall is thankful to be back for her lucky thirteenth show at the Kitsap Forest Theater. Previous roles include: Miss Stacey *(Anne of Green Gables),* Tiger Lily *(Peter Pan)* and Bet *(Oliver!).* She is a saxophone performance major at Biola University in Southern Calif.

Brian Lindvall's previous roles here include Alan-a-Dale in *Robin Hood – The Legend Continues,* Ben, *The Secret Garden,* Herr Zeller, *Sound of Music* and Rabbi's son in *Fiddler on the Roof.*

Sharon McClintock is ecstatic to be in her first show with the Mountaineers. She is a senior at Mountlake Terrace High School and in college hopes to study literature.

Dan Niven has appeared in many indoor shows over the last few years, and is grateful to the Mountaineers Players for this wonderful forest opportunity! Following this production, he'll take a break from acting to perform with Seattle's Total Experience Gospel Choir.

Brendan Payne returns for his 2nd show here, having played Gaston *(Beauty and the Beast)* for one glorious weekend this Spring. He loves the Forest Theater, but even more the cast and crew, an altogether extraordinary community. If you're not involved, you don't know what you're missing!

Evan Randall has been a part of the Kitsap Forest Theater since he was 11 years old and played Kurt in *The Sound of Music.* He was LeFou in this spring's *Beauty & the Beast.*

Luc Rosenthal loves to act! A student at West Sound Academy, he's been in numerous shows through BPA, Ovation Musical Theater and Seattle Children's Theater. He had his professional debut recently at the Intiman Theater as Prince Edward in the production of *Richard III.*

Daniel Stoltenberg makes a triumphant return to the Kitsap Forest Theatre this summer after an eight year hiatus. He's having a blast sharing the stage with such wonderful castmates, familiar and new. It's good to be the king.

Diane Walker loves Rock 'n' Roll and is excited to be in her first Players' show. She has appeared in many shows at Bainbridge Performing Arts, including *As You Like It, Secret Garden, Little Shop of Horrors,* and a more traditional *A Midsummer Night's Dream,* playing Egeus as Egea.

Leah Wener-Fligner is delighted to combine two of her passions, rock 'n roll and Shakespeare in her 1st show with the Players. Favorite roles include Zlata in Eve Ensler's *Necessary Targets* (Lakeside School) & Fire Chief in Eugene Ianesco's *The Bald Soprano* (Gnu Ground Theatre).

Erica Wyatt will be a senior at Meadowdale High where she is the main tumbler & partner stunter on the cheer squad. She is very excited to be in her second show with the Players.

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