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**A  
MIDSUMMER  
NIGHT'S  
DREAM**

# *A Midsummer's Night Dream*

by William Shakespeare

**Directed by**  
Jimmy Spearman

**Costume Design**

Jessica Williams

**Set Design**

Randy Bampfield

**Stage Manager**

Lauren Clark

**Technical Leads**

Spencer Goodshall

Noah Zeches

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**Our Mission Statement:**

ACT1 Theater is an all-volunteer outreach of Alpharetta Presbyterian Church that produces high-quality and entertaining theatrical experiences and drama education. ACT1 Theater welcomes people of all backgrounds to an inclusive, loving, supportive and joyful environment in keeping with Christian values. We encourage growth and development as individuals and fellowship among all participants.

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# *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM*

## **Cast**

Hannah Auerbach.....	ROBIN STARVLING, MOTE
Heidi Botzong.....	PEASE-BLOSSOM, Fairy
Kyusok Lee.....	LYSANDER
Perry McWilliams.....	BOTTOM, a Weaver
Lauren Nohl.....	PHILOSTRATE
Nicole Papera.....	MUSTARD-SEED, Fairy
Kortni Person.....	FLUTE, a Bellows-mender
Molly Petner.....	HERMIA
Jada Reid.....	PUCK
Marissa Romanoff.....	SNUG, a Joiner
Rachel Shippee.....	HELENA
Alexandria Shofman.....	COBWEB, Fairy
Ben Stokes.....	DEMETRIUS
Al Such.....	QUINCE, a Carpenter
Christopher Voss.....	Egeus
Courtney Willett.....	SNOUT, a Tinker
Jessica Williams.....	Hippolyta/Titania
David Zinck.....	Theseus/Oberon

## **Production Team**

Director.....	Jimmy Spearman
Costume Design.....	Jessica Williams
Lighting and Sound Design.....	Spencer Goodshall, Noah Zeches
Set Design.....	Randy Bampfield

### **Special Thanks to:**

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### **Directors Note:**

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## Cast Bios



**Hannah Auerbach** (*ROBIN STARVLING, MOTE*): Hannah has been acting since she was 4 years old. In addition to theatre, she has completed work on two film productions to be released this year. She was most recently seen in the Advanced Teen Ensemble with the Georgia Ensemble Theatre. Hannah would like to thank her mom and sister for all their love and support.



**Heidi Botzong** (*PEASE-BLOSSOM*): Heidi is excited to perform in her first Shakespeare play! This is her second show at ACT1 Theater, where she was recently seen in *A Christmas Story the Musical*. As always, she loves to perform and enjoys acting alongside talented cast members. Thank you for attending, and please enjoy the show!



**Kyusok Lee** (*LYSANDER*): Kyusok is a new Atlanta actor who is a lover of all art such as theatre, improv, *Hermia*, on camera acting, and dancing. His previous acting credits include *Death in Pluto* (Backdoor Playhouse) and *Algernon* in *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Acting Up). Kyusok is excited to be part of ACT1 Theater and their production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



**Perry McWilliams** (*BOTTOM*): Perry McWilliams is over the moon to bring this tale to life. He has previously appeared on the ACT1 stage in *A Christmas Story the Musical*, *By the Way*, *Meet Vera Stark*, and *Silent Sky*. He would like to thank the Lord, his director Jimmy, the City of Alpharetta for supporting the arts, and of course his feline roommate Mildred for helping him learn his lines.



**Lauren Nohl** (*PHILOSTRATE*): Lauren is making her debut with ACT1 Theater and is thrilled to share the stage with amazing actors! Outside of her work in business consulting, she loves to cook, travel, watch the Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Bucks, and spend time with her super cute goldendoodle, Harley. Lauren would like to thank her fellow castmates and crew for welcoming her to ACT1.



**Nicole Papera** (*MUSTARD-SEED*): Nicole is a freshman in high school and is so excited to perform in her first Shakespeare play with ACT1 Theater. She has done past performances with Roswell Youth Theatre, including roles as The Baker's Wife in *Into the Woods Jr.*, Ms. Honey in *Matilda Jr.*, and many more. She hopes you enjoy this classic Shakespeare comedy!



**Kortni Person (FLUTE): #####** Kortni Person is an up-and-coming actor and model based in Atlanta, Georgia. Her love for acting began at an early age and developed as she took theatre arts classes. She has performed in plays such as *The Fabulous Fable Factory* and *Once Upon Pandoras Box*.



**Molly Petner (HERMIA):** Molly is so excited to bring *Hermia* to life in this production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This is her second production with ACT1 and her first time performing Shakespeare. In her spare time, Molly volunteers with Habitat for Humanity, enjoys swing dancing, tap dancing, and singing.



**Jada Reid (PUCK):** Jada is currently a Strategic Producer at Cinebody. She is originally from Bethlehem, PA where she attended drama school for 5 years. She then received her BFA in Film at SCAD in 2021. While attending, she was President of the Multicultural Alliance Theatre and started her own production company, Je.Simone Productions. Jada is super excited to perform with ACT1 Theater!



**Marissa Romanoff (SNUG):** Marissa is excited to make her ACT1 Theater debut. Up next, she is performing in *Frog and Toad* in June. Recent stage credits include *Bluebeard's Castle* (The Atlanta Opera), Gwendolen in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, Sunny in *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* (Centerstage North) and Laurey in *Oklahoma*. She wants to thank the director for making this show come alive.



**Rachel Shippee (HELENA):** Rachel Shippee is returning to the stage after a decade-long hiatus. She moved to Atlanta last summer after living in NYC for the past 7 years and is excited to perform as *Helena* in Shakespeare again with such a wonderful cast. Her past credits include *Romeo & Juliet*, *The Laramie Project*, *Anything Goes*, *42nd Street*, *West Side Story*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (in 2010)!



**Alexandria Shofman (COBWEB):** Alexandria is from McDonough, GA and attends Georgia State University. She started acting in 2020 in the play *These Shining Lives*. Since then she has been in multiple plays, movies and short films. This is her second time in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and first time performing with ACT1.



**Ben Stokes** (*DEMETRIUS*): Ben Stokes is a stage and voice actor from Sandy Springs. Ben has acted with multiple local theater groups such as Lionheart Theater (*The Lion in Winter*) and Onstage Atlanta (*The Last Lifeboat*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Things That Go Bump*). Ben thanks his family and friends for their love and support and ACT1 Theater for sharing their remarkable talent and passion.



**Al Such** (*QUINCE*): By day, Al is a web developer and digital marketer. A lifelong Shakespeare nerd, Al is taking his first step into the world of acting through ACT1's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. When not studying lines, Al loves camping with his partner, fixing up vintage computers, and spending time with his cats.



**Christopher Voss** (*EGEUS*): Chris is excited to be returning to ACT1! Chris previously performed at ACT1 in *The Tempest* (Alonso), *Six Degrees of Separation* (Larkin), *Guys and Dolls*, *The Boys Next Door* (Lucian), *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*. Chris recently performed in *On Golden Pond* (Charley) at Lion Heart Theater in addition to *A Christmas Carol* and *Mort*.



**Courtney Willett** (*SNOOT*): Courtney is a PhD candidate in Genetics, perfectly equipping them for the role of Snout in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This is Courtney's first production with ACT1Theater, but they have experience performing stand-up comedy for their exasperated friends and coworkers. When they're not acting, Courtney can be found playing D&D and hanging out with their cats (and partner).



**Jessica Williams** (*Hippolyta/Titania*): Jessica has been with ACT1 since 2018 and is currently the Artistic Director. She holds a BA in Theater from Converse College. Jessica has been in theatre for over 20 years and has been in over 50 shows. Notable roles include: Jean (*Dead Man's Cell Phone*), Mrs. Baskin (*Big the Musical*), Don Pedro (*Much Ado About Nothing*), and Grace Bradley (*Best Christmas Pageant Ever*).



**David Zinck** (*Theseus/Oberon*): David appeared in ACT1's 2021 production of *The Tempest* and returns for his second outing in Wills Park. A native of Denver, Colorado, who holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in theatre, he has performed a variety of Shakespearean characters over the years in plays such as *Hamlet*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Othello*, *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, and *The Merchant of Venice*.

## Production Team Bios



**Jimmy Spearman** (Director): This is Jimmy's first production with ACT1 Theater. He has directed *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *Blythe Spirit* for the Eagle Theater in Sugar Hill. He has performed in *Sordid Wedding* and *Queer Carol* at Onstage Atlanta. He hopes to work with ACT1 again this year.



**Lauren Clark** (Stage Manager): Lauren is from Atlanta, Georgia and is a graduate of Spelman College (Comparative Women's Studies). She is a theater actress who has performed in *The Crucible* (Tituba), *Three Sisters* (Wandering Musician), Lynn Nottage's *Ruined* (Salima), *1001 Arabian Knights* (Sultana Morgana) and others. In the past, she has worked on set design and wants to thank ACT1 Theater and her family for this opportunity. She also enjoys theater's ability to empower marginalized youth and children.



**Jessica Williams** (Costume Designer): Jessica is an Atlanta based Actor and Costume Designer; she has been performing for 20 years and costuming for 10. She resides with her husband and two daughters in Cumming, GA. Her recent costuming credits include *Almost, Maine* (Subtext Dinner Theatre), *Big the Musical* (ACT1), *Much Ado About Nothing* (ACT1), *Little Women* (The Oak Theater), *The Little Mermaid* (SJBA), and *Little Shop of Horrors* (ACT1).



**Spencer Godshall** (Lighting and Sound Design): Spencer is excited to be a part of his second ACT1 production. He recently graduated from Georgia College and State University with a degree in Theatre. Spencer recently designed *The Revolutionists*, *Little Women*, and *Dido and Aeneas*. Enjoy the show!



**Noah Zeches** (Lighting and Sound Design): Noah is a Senior at Roswell High School. This is his 4th show with ACT1 and his 2nd Shakespeare in the park. He hopes you enjoy the show!



**Randy Bampffield** (Set Design): Randy has taken real world building experience and combined that with lots of Googling to teach himself how to build theater sets. Most recently, he designed the sets of ACT1 Theater's *Harvey*, *Christmas Story*, *the Musical* and *Silent Sky*.



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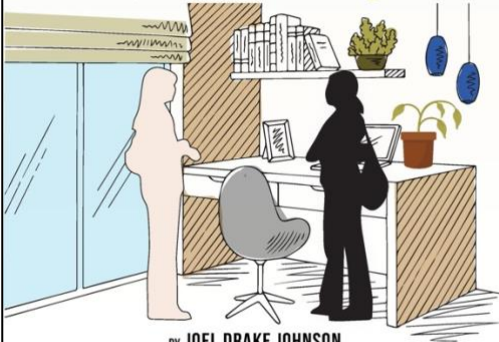
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ACT1 Theater and the City of Alpharetta formed a partnership in 2017. Working together, we have produced plays and vignettes of William Shakespeare outdoors in Wills Park, a series of songs and scenes for the City's inaugural Summer Concert Series in Brooks Street Park, and plays in the Alpharetta Arts Center intimate Black Box Theater.

We are pleased to continue this partnership during ACT1 Theater's 2022-2023 season and the City of Alpharetta's 2023 Fiscal Year. As a result of this continuing partnership, we are offering these shows.

### *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

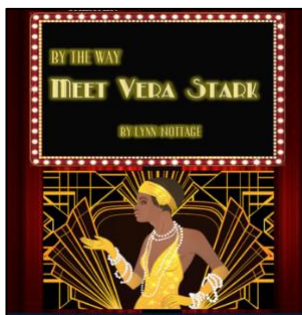
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Thanks again for supporting our ACT1 Theater drama ministry and enjoy the show!



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