

Thu 3 Jul - Sat 5 Jul 2025

Director's Note: 11-14s and 14-19s Theatre Hubs

Hello, and welcome to the Belgrade Theatre, and to our Theatre HUBs Sharing: Shakespeare Remixed.

At the beginning of this year, our groups were given the Belgrade's production of *Romeo and Juliet* as their inspiration for the performances they would go on to create. Initially, there was some trepidation around working with Shakespeare's text, but over the weeks and months that we have been working together, the young people have really embraced these classic stories and characters, and we are so proud of all the work they have put in to build up to this sharing of work.

It has been a pleasure to work with the 11-14s and 14-19s groups this year. It has been great to welcome so many new people to our groups, and we hope that our sharing this week will be a really meaningful experience for those who are performing with us for the first time. Equally, we have been delighted to continue working with lots of participants who have become part of the furniture here at the Belgrade. Watching you all grow and develop as artists and as people is one of the privileges of this job, and to see how much each of you has brought to our sessions this year has been a real joy.

I hope everyone performing this week has an absolute blast, and I hope all those who are here to support you enjoy celebrating all of your achievements.

Katherine Allen, Director - Twelfth Night and A Midsummer Night's Dream





Orsino in love with Olivia, but she's in love with Sebastian - who's actually Viola, and in love with Orsino...

When Viola washes up on the shores of Illyria, she finds herself involved in a complicated love triangle; while her twin brother Sebastian roams Illyria, both believing the other has perished at sea.

Meanwhile, Olivia's self-important steward, Malvolio, becomes the target of a mischievous prank.

Join us for this retelling of one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies, Twelfth Night -a tale of mistaken identity, love and being true to yourself.

Cast

Viola-Clementine Joskey Olivia-Alice Smith

Feste-Sarah Carter

Malvolio-Sean Clenshaw

Sir Toby Belch–Harmony Masuko

Sir Andrew Aguecheek-Jeremiah Dias Farquharson

Maria-Nadia Klys

Fabia-Arianna Hibbert

Duke Orsino-Oscar McEntee

Valentine/Second Officer-Areesha Amjed

Curio/Servant/Priest-Maddison Hinks

Sea Captain/First Officer-Daisy Probert

Sebastian-Oscar Mansbridge

Antonia-Lilly-Rose White





By William Shakespeare. Performed by the Belgrade 14-19s Theatre Hub

Shakespeare's classic tale of mischief and mayhem.

Follow four young lovers as they escape to the depths of the forest, where magic and feuding fairies await. On a summer night when anything can happen, expect surprises, spells and mistaken identity. Love will be tested, but can it be restored?

This retelling of A Midsummer Night's Dream intertwines love triangles, magic and an infamous donkey head!

Cast

Hermia–Isis Hunt

Helena-Annabelle Pocock

Demetrius-Leonardo Somma

Lysander-Rodolfo Tranca

Oberon-Raheem Qadiri

Titania-Daniela Olanrewaju

Puck-Jayden Darby

Peasblossom-Chelsea Akwaa-Tabi

Cobweb-Esme Wilson

Moth-Maisy Moazzenkivi

Mustardseed-Benjamin Nicholson

Nick Bottom-Ethan Ames

Peter Quince-Sophia Turner

Francis Flute-Ray Kimberley

Tom Snout-Nadia Kwiatkowska

Robin Starveling-Saskia Oostveen

Snug-Ruby Skeggs

Theseus-Esme Wilson

Hippolyta-Chelsea Akwaa-Tabi

Egeus-Ethan Ames







ANNABELLE LEONARDO



RODOLFO







JAYDEN

CHELSEA









PEASBLOSSON, HIDDOLVTA



THESEUS



MUSTARDSEED NICK BOTTOW, EGEUS







NADIA







Director's Note: 50+ Theatre Hub

Thank you for joining us for this special performance—a joyous celebration of creativity, collaboration, comedy and Shakespeare, cocreated with, and performed by, our 50+ Hub.

Earlier this year, the Belgrade staged a bold new production of *Romeo* and Juliet, and it was this classic tale that sparked the imaginations of our group. We decided to step away from the immediately recognisable elements of Shakespeare's work and instead turn our attention to the often overlooked and almost-forgotten characters, along with character archetypes, of Shakespeare's plays. From that spark grew an entirely original comedy, full of wit, warmth, and the kind of mischief we hope the Bard would enjoy - a tongue in cheek tribute to his work and legacy.

Shakespeare's Quill is the result of months of laughter-filled workshops, thoughtful discussion, brave improvisation, and an enormous amount of collaboration. The group have brought their own interests, humour, and passions into the rehearsal room, and shaped a piece that is as much about their voices today as it is about the echoes of the past.

We hope you enjoy the show as much as we've enjoyed creating it.

Sarah Hailstones, Director and Co-Creative Content Curator Shakespeare's Quill



Created by the Belgrade 50+ Theatre Hub with Sarah Hailstones

An original comedy inspired by characters from some of Shakespeare's most famous works.

Shakespeare's Quill, a local tavern run by Titania Capulet. Hangout to the Witch, the Gravedigger, the Fool and a Shakespeare-hating theatre critic, among others.

The arrival of a mysterious traveller in possession of a powerful secret causes a stir among the regulars. Who are they? And why are they here?

Something wicked this way comes. The question is, what are the good people of the Shakespeare's Quill going to do about it?

Cast

William Shakespeare-Gill Yardley **Titania Capulet**-Read by Sarah Hailstones Big Bert-Andy Scott

Understudy Moany Min-Mary Harte-Adams Theatre Critic of the Classics-Christopher Old Theatre Critic of anything but Shakespeare-Elaine Barrett Lady-in-Waiting (Aka Mrs Easter Eggs)-Caroline McAuley Lady-in-Waiting (Aka Mrs Jawline)-Christine Baylis Lady-in-Waiting (Aka Mrs Babycham)-Jayne Pinnegar

Oriana, the Witch-Margaret Emerton

The Gravedigger-Carol Darmon

The Ghost-Joy West

The Fool-Jean Coleman

The Dealer-Ruth Cattell

The Traveller-Anne Bevan

Thanks to Bernie Howarth and Rita Drake for their valued contribution to the development of the play.



Do it for thy true love take... ...When thou wak'st, it is thy dear. Wake when some vile thing is near."

Peter Quince holds auditions for a play, and Nick Bottom wants to play every single part. Titania is angry with Oberon. Oberon tells Puck to sprinkle fairy dust on Titania, who then ends up falling in love with Bottom, who just so happens to have turned into a donkey...

Based around Bottom's story in Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, this devised piece of non-verbal physical theatre has been created by our Next Steps group. Next Steps is a work-related learning programme run at the Belgrade Theatre, in partnership with Open Theatre. Next Steps is made up of students from Riverbank Academy and Baginton Fields School.

Performed by Next Steps

Narrator-Nicole* Nick Bottom-Sukhmann

Titania-Shania

Oberon-Declan

Puck-Hala

Peter Quince-Matthew Moore**

Frances Flute-Sadiga

Ensemble-Chanel

Ensemble-Dylan

Ensemble-Dheesha

Ensemble-Chloe

Ensemble-Lukan Smith**

Facilitator/Director for the **Belgrade Theatre**

- Katherine Allen

Facilitator/Director for Open

Theatre

- John Bennell

*Nicole has been a key member of our group this year but is sadly not able to be here in person today. Instead, you will hear Nicole's voice as part of the soundtrack to the performance.

**Matthew and Lukan are part of Open Theatre and have been supporting the group this year as mentors and assistant facilitators.

Thank You

We would like to thank the staff from Riverbank and Baginton Fields for their support of this project, particularly Lisa and Sharon who support the students to participate in the programme each week.



With huge thanks to our creative, technical and production colleagues for their work on Shakespeare: Remixed.

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