



A Midsummer
NIGHT'S DREAM



by **William Shakespeare**

Directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

APRIL 25-28

Cox Playhouse
Downtown Plano

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission

CAST

THE LOVERS

HERMIA
Amelia Racca
Layla Tacazon

HELENA
Madeline Knoff

LYSANDER
Apache Browne

DEMETRIUS
Parker Lindsay

THE FAIRIES

TITANIA/HIPPOLYTA
Amelia Langley
Lauren Wellborn

OBERON/THESEUS
Brady Beckley
Latham Young

PUCK
Olivia Trippeer
Reichen Young

CHANGELING BOY
Niam Sachdev

THE RUDE MECHANICALS

NICK BOTTOM
Liam Paynter

PETER QUINCE/EGEUS/
COBWEB
Ryan Kimble

FRANCIS FLUTE/
MUSTARDSEED
Nate Oldham

TOM SNOUT/
PEASEBLOSSOM
Mateo Esmeral

ROBIN STARVELING
Everett Johnson

SNUG/MOTH
Paige Kocsis

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Brady Beckley (Oberon/Theseus) is excited to be at Outcry once again to be in his first Shakespeare play! His favorite roles from the past include Georg/Dieter in *Spring Awakening*, Ensemble/Quasimodo understudy in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and the titular role in *Willy Wonka*. He'd like to thank his friends and family for their endless support and Ms. Becca for giving him this amazing opportunity! Good show!



Apache Browne (Lysander) is a junior at Hebron High School. This is his fourth show at Outcry Youth Theatre and first ever Shakespeare. He would like to thank the cast and crew for giving him the opportunity to be a part of this production, the learning experience, and the support from his family.



Mateo Esmeral (Tom Snout/Peaseblossom) is a freshman at Plano East Senior High School. This is his second production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite past roles include Gravedigger in *Hamlet*. When not on stage, he likes to draw and animate. He would like to thank his family for supporting him.



Everett Johnson (Starveling) is 16 and a sophomore at Booker T Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. He is thrilled to be in his 11th show at Outcry! Past favorite roles include Constable Joe (*Tuck Everlasting*), J. Finch (*Puffs*), and Duncan (*Macbeth*). He is a chili cook-off champion and enjoys history and board games. Thanks to Ms. Becca, this amazing cast, and his family and friends!



Ryan Kimble (Peter Quince) is a 17-year-old high school graduate from Plano Senior. This is his 14th show with Outcry, and his 10th with Ms. Becca! Some of his favorite past roles include Polonius (*Hamlet*), Mr. Isaacs (*Dorian Gray*), Marlin (*Finding Nemo Jr.*), Ernie Mac (*Puffs*), and Warbucks (*Annie Jr.*). He would like to thank his parents, Ms. Becca, and everyone who helped make this show possible! Break a leg, everyone, and sweet dreams!

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Madeline Knoff (Helena) is a 14-year-old 8th grader who enjoys playing sports and the bassoon. Her favorite past roles with Outcry Youth Theatre include Leanne in *Puffs*, Mad Hatter in *Alice in Wonderland*, Gill in *Finding Nemo Jr.*, Miss Honey in *Matilda Jr.*, and Grand High Witch in *The Witches*. She is grateful for her family and friends' love and support. She would also like to thank Ms. Becca and the cast and crew for this magical experience.



Paige Kocsis (Snug/Moth) is in 5th grade at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School. This is her second production with Outcry Youth Theatre. When not on stage, she competes with Express Cheer Dallas and competed in All-Star Worlds last weekend in Orlando. Paige loves to read and enjoys traveling. She would like to thank her Dad for driving her back-and-forth across Dallas every night, her mom for all the trips to Starbucks, Ms. Becca for being so patient, and the cast for helping her fall in love with theater.



Amelia Langley (Titania/Hippolyta) is 15 years old and a freshman at Townview High School. This is her second production at Outcry Youth Theatre and her first ever production with Ms. Becca. When not on stage, she loves to read, write, and practice photography. She would like to thank the rest of her cast for being so incredibly entertaining and also all her family and friends who are reading this.



Parker Lindsay (Demetrius) is homeschooled in the 9th grade. This is his third production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite past roles include Oliver Rivers in *Puffs*. When not on stage, he likes to ice skate and study Chinese literature. He would like to thank Ms. Becca and Mr. Jason for this great opportunity.



Nate Oldham (Francis Flute) 15, is a 9th grader in Frisco. This is Nate's 12th Outcry show. His favorite past roles have been Thorin (*The Hobbit*), Augustus Gloop (*Willy Wonka*), Gill (*Finding Nemo Jr.*), Bruno (*The Witches*), and Mr. (*Sunday in the Park with George*). He is a member of the J-Squad and looks forward to more shows. When not on stage he's on the field in marching band from August to November. Nate would like to thank his family for their support and Ms. Becca for this amazing opportunity.

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Liam Paynter (Nick Bottom) is 16 years old and a sophomore at Clark High School. This is his 17th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Liam's favorite past roles include Skuggle in *The Night Fairy*, Laertes in *Hamlet*, and Wayne Hopkins in *Puffs*. Liam would like to thank Ms. Becca for the opportunity to play such a great character with this incredibly talented cast.



Amelia Racca (Hermia) is a freshman at Marcus High School. She is so glad to be back for her 2nd production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Some of Amelia's past roles include Brooke Wyndham (*Legally Blonde*), Judas (*Godspell*), and Anne (*Anne of Green Gables*). Amelia would like to thank her family, cast members, and Ms. Becca for all of their love and support.



Niam Sachdev (Changeling Boy) is in 4th grade at Harrington. This is Niam's sixth show with Outcry. Favorite past roles include Charlie (*Willy Wonka*), Nemo (*Finding Nemo*), and Bruce (*Matilda*). He takes ballet, modern, and tap at Tuzer Ballet, performing in *The Nutcracker* (Fritz). He studies film acting with Performer's Edge Dallas, has acted in three short films and one commercial, and is represented by the Horne Agency. He would like to thank Ms. Becca for this opportunity and this amazing cast for being so fun!



Layla Tacazon (Hermia) is a sophomore at Rockwall High School. This is her fourth production with Outcry Youth Theatre, and she's looking forward to many more. She would like to thank her family for their support and for always pushing her to be her best. She's excited for everyone to see this amazing play that this cast has put on, and she hopes you enjoy!



Olivia Trippeer (Puck) is in 12th grade at Richardson High School. This is her fifth production at Outcry Youth Theatre. She is incredibly grateful for Ms. Becca for all her support and the opportunity to play such an amazing role. She would like to thank the adults who worked so hard to make this show possible.

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Lauren Wellborn (Titania/Hippolyta) is an incoming freshman at Texas State to get her BFA in Acting! She is ecstatic to play this whimsical role. Previous Shakespearean performances include Rosalind (*As You Like It*) and Hotspur (*Henry IV*). At Outcry, she has been in *Puffs* (Megan Jones) and *Spring Awakening* (Anna). She would like to express her gratitude to the Outcry family for their continued support. She thanks her family, friends, and mentors for always encouraging her to pursue her aspirations.



Latham Young (Oberon/Theseus) is 16 years old and a homeschooled sophomore. This is his first production with Ms. Becca and Outcry Youth Theatre! Outside of performing in plays and musicals, Latham enjoys playing the bass guitar, skateboarding, and riding his bike. He would like to thank his family for their continued support and Ms. Becca for this incredible opportunity to perform with this amazing cast and crew.



Reichen Young (Puck) is 17 years old and a homeschooled junior. This is his first production with Ms. Becca and Outcry Youth Theatre. When not performing, Reichen enjoys playing the guitar, painting, and gazing at the stars. He would like to thank his family and friends for their support and Ms. Becca for welcoming him to Outcry and for this fulfilling opportunity to perform with this amazing cast and crew.



Becca Johnson-Spinos (Director) is the Artistic Director of Outcry Theatre. Becca has a BFA in Music Theatre from Elon University and an MFA in Directing for Theatre from Baylor University. Becca worked as an assistant to the Artistic Director at Burning Coal Theatre Company in North Carolina, where she also assistant directed and performed. In the Dallas area, she has directed dozens of shows and was named one of the Best Directors for 2018 by John Garcia for Outcry Theatre's production of *Spring's Awakening*.

CREW

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Book, Music, and Lyrics by **Lionel Bart**
Freely adapted from **Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist**

Performs **June 27-30, 2024**
Lewisville Grand Theater, Huffines Performance Hall

UPCOMING AUDITIONS



by Thornton Wilder

Ages 12-18

Auditions **May 6 & 8, 2024**

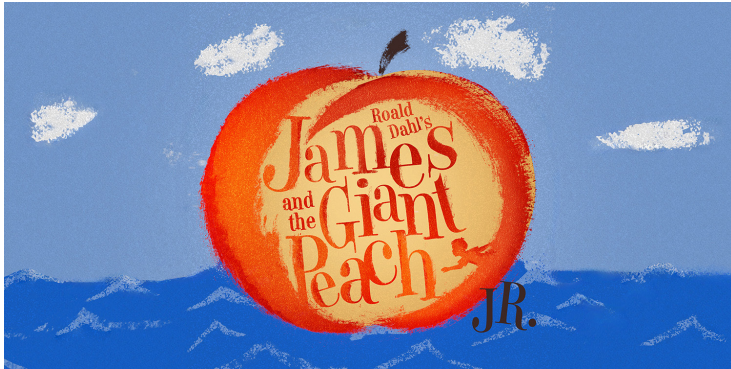
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Cox Playhouse in Plano

directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

Described by Edward Albee as “the greatest American play ever written,” Our Town presents the small town of Grover’s Corners in three acts: “Daily Life,” “Love and Marriage,” and “Death and Eternity.” Narrated by a stage manager and performed with minimal props and sets, the play depicts the simple daily lives of the Webb and Gibbs families as their children fall in love, marry, and eventually – in one of the most famous scenes in American theatre – die.

SUMMER CAMP AUDITIONS



Words and Music by **Benj Pasek & Justin Paul**

Book by **Timothy Allen McDonald**

Based on the book *James and the Giant Peach* by **Roald Dahl**

Ages 7-15

Auditions **May 13 & 15, 2024**

Camp Dates **July 8-19, 2024**

Performs **July 18-21, 2024**

Cox Playhouse in downtown Plano
directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos

When James is sent by his conniving aunts to chop down their old fruit tree, he discovers a magic potion that results in a tremendous peach... and launches a journey of enormous proportions. Suddenly, James finds himself in the center of the gigantic peach, among human-sized insects with equally oversized personalities, but after it falls from the tree and rolls into the ocean, the group faces hunger, sharks and plenty of disagreements. Thanks to James' quick wit and creative thinking, the residents learn to live and work together as a family. The dangerous voyage is a success, but the adventure takes a whole new twist once they land on the Empire State Building.

SUMMER CAMP AUDITIONS



Music and Lyrics by **Richard M. Sherman & Robert B. Sherman,**
Robert Lopez & Kristen Anderson-Lopez

Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics by **Will Van Dyke**

Book and Additional Lyrics by **Cheryl Davis**

Based on the stories of A.A. Milne and the 2011 Disney Animated feature film

Ages 5-12

Auditions **May 13 & 15, 2024**

Camp Dates **July 29-August 2, 2024**

Performs **August 2-4, 2024**

Addison Theatre Centre, Studio Theatre

directed by Benjamin McElroy and Jason Johnson-Spinos

Disney's *Winnie the Pooh KIDS* is a delightful show based on the beloved characters of A.A. Milne and the 2011 Disney animated feature film. Featuring favorite songs from the film, as well as new hits by the Academy Award-winning Robert and Kristen Lopez (Frozen), this honey-filled delight is as sweet as it is fun.

Welcome to the Hundred Acre Wood, where *Winnie the Pooh* is once again in search of honey. Along the way, he meets his pals, Tigger, Piglet, Rabbit, and Owl, but soon discovers that Christopher Robin has been captured by the mysterious Backson! As they prepare for a rescue operation, the animals learn about teamwork, friendship and, of course... sharing snacks.

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Outcry Theatre strives to draw youth and young adults from Plano and the surrounding areas to the theatre as both audience and participants, integrating the arts into their lives, and encouraging them to become lifelong artists and arts appreciators.

ABOUT OUTCRY THEATRE

Outcry Theatre utilizes bold artistic vision, highly physical staging, and an energetic and visceral performance style. With rigorous rehearsals, tenacious attention to detail, and unwavering dedication to excellence, Outcry Theatre focuses on developing stellar performances and exceptional storytelling.

Outcry Theatre serves the Plano community and surrounding DFW area through professional productions, readings of new works by local playwrights, and the Outcry Youth Theatre program, educating students ages 5-18.

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