

# SHAKESPEARE theatre: **CALGARY** BY THE BOW

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### THEATRE CALGARY BRINGS ROMANCE, MAGIC, AND COMEDY TO PRINCE'S ISLAND PARK WITH *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM*

**JUNE 27 - AUGUST 18, 2019**

**TUES-SUN @ 7:00PM, SUN. MATINEES @ 2:00PM**

(CALGARY, AB) - Theatre Calgary is pleased to announce that comedy and romance return to Prince's Island Park this summer as we present **Shakespeare by the Bow – *A Midsummer Night's Dream***, adapted by Ted Dykstra and Jenna Turk from William Shakespeare's original play.

One of Shakespeare's most popular comedies, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* follows four young lovers and a group of six amateur actors through the forest as they are influenced and manipulated by a band of forest-dwelling fairies. This is a thrilling chase of love, identity and confusion.

Starring a company of Alberta's up-and-coming actors, every performance is pay-by-donation (no ticket required). Shakespeare by the Bow places the education and training of Alberta's emerging artists front and centre. As we have for the past six years, Theatre Calgary will proudly use professional expertise to mentor, celebrate and encourage the next generation of theatre artists.

The cast of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* includes Melanie Bahniuk (Titania), Gabby Bernard (Helena), Jerod Blake (Bottom), Billy Brown (Puck), Griffin Cork (Oberon), Elizabeth Ferguson-Breaker (Snug), Emily Howard (Hermia), Maggie MacKenzie (Starvling), Liam McKinnon (Flute), Jonathan Molinski (Demetrius), Robyn Ord (Peter Quince), Spencer Streichert (Snout), and Joel David Taylor (Lysander).

Directed by Ted Dykstra The production's site and set design is by Deitra Kalyn, costume and props design by Rebecca Toon, text coaching by Terry Tweed, voice coaching by Jane MacFarlane, and the stage manager is Carissa Sams. Our Shakespeare by the Bow program is under the direction of Haysam Kadri.

Shakespeare by the Bow's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* runs **June 27 - August 18, 2019 in Prince's Island Park** (NE corner of park next to the Memorial Drive pedestrian overpass). **The production runs approximately 100 minutes in length. Admission is pay-by-donation** (no tickets required), and is suitable for all ages.

**Once again** this year for the period of July 23-30, Shakespeare by the Bow will go on hiatus to make way for the Calgary Folk Music Festival. No other programming is planned during this period.

**All performance showtimes and more information can be found at [theatrecalgary.com](http://theatrecalgary.com).**

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**MEDIA/PHOTO CALL - THURS., JUNE 27 - 12:30pm in Prince's Island Park**

~ Weather Permitting (we will send out a notification in event of postponement due to weather) ~