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Midsummer
Night's Dream



by William Shakespeare

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Our Mission

At Watershed Public Theatre, we believe that theatre is the ultimate collaborative art and work to bring together arts professionals, volunteers, students and patrons to share in the illumination that only live performance can provide. We maintain our focus on nurturing community and practicing social and environmental responsibility while striving for the highest quality of artistic and educational experiences.

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Cast

Lysander.....	Jonathan Thompson
Hermia.....	Katie Webb
Demetrius.....	Will Meyer
Helena.....	Julia Durham
Theseus.....	Tim Rust ⁺
Hippolyta.....	Maggie Hernandez
Egeus.....	Jamie Storvik
Philostrate.....	Luke McGuire
Oberon.....	R Scott Cantrell
Puck.....	Amaya Weakley
Titania.....	Katelyn Rust ⁺
Peaseblossom.....	Olivia Black
Mustardseed.....	Makayla Harville*
Cobweb.....	Heather Barnard ⁺
Moth.....	Shealey Root*
Nick Bottom.....	Jackson Roy
Petra Quince.....	Sarah Tatom ⁺
Francis Flute.....	Will Riley*
Robin Starveling.....	David Sharp*
Tom Snout.....	JR Knowles
Snug.....	Alex White

Production Team

Director.....	Caleb Finley ⁺
Creative Director/Fight Choreographer.....	Christian Randell ⁺
Stage Manager.....	Susan Gaw
Costumes.....	Sarah Kennedy
Properties.....	Kate Foreman
Technical Director.....	Zach Perkins ⁺
Assistant Technical Director.....	Justin Blackburn
Assistant Stage Manager.....	Payton McCarthy
Mask Artisan.....	Joyce Blackburn

⁺Member of Artist's Lab for WPT

*Member of WPT Apprentice Company

There will be one 15-minute intermission.

The Cast



Heather Barnard (Cobweb) has been in theatre for as long as she can remember. This is her eighth production with WPT; performances include *Romeo & Juliet* as Petra, *Those Wicked Stepsisters* as Ermintrout and as Assistant Stage Manager for *Anastasia*. Her passion for the arts has inspired her to share and teach the upcoming generation as she starts a new journey working at Building Blocks School for the Arts.

She would like to thank her beloved family and friends for always supporting her in her dreams and for her dog Gibbs for always being there. She hopes you enjoy the show and to always follow your passions. All the glory to God!



Olivia Black (Peaseblossom) is ecstatic for her first production with Watershed Public Theatre! New to Tennessee, Olivia is grateful to jump straight into theatre in Columbia, and she has sincerely enjoyed getting to know those involved in this production. With a bachelor's degree in theatre education, Olivia's past credits include Marta in *Dollhouse* and Alma in *Summer and Smoke-Abridged* at Troy University, as well

as Sarah Green in *A Christmas Carol*, and the 'Light of the World' soloist in *Godspell*. Olivia would like to thank her friends and family for their never-ending support, and she praises God for the gift of salvation and His love!



R Scott Cantrell (Oberon) Founder of the Spokane Shakespeare Society, this is Scott's twelfth production of *Midsummer*. He holds a BA in theatre from Anderson University and an MFA in acting from Michigan State. Last seen on stage with Watershed as Vlad in *Anastasia*, Scott will be directing *Proof* later this season. Fans of anime may recognize Scott from the dozens of characters he has voiced.



Julia Durham (Helena) is thrilled and honored to be a part of Watershed's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. She is a recent theatre education graduate from Trevecca where she has previously taken on the roles of Assistant Director, Stage Manager, Properties Designer, and Actress. Julia would like to thank Mrs. Lauri Kaye Burns and Dr. Jeff Frame for getting her to where she is today as well as her family and friends for their endless support.



Makayla Harville (Mustardseed) is appearing in her first Watershed Public Theatre production. She has enjoyed being able to work with new people in a new place. She is also thankful for her friends and family who have supported her through out the years.

The Cast *(continued)*



Maggie Hernandez (Hippolyta) is thrilled to be in her first show with Watershed! Maggie has been acting in plays for as long as she can remember and has taught youth theatre in FL, NYC, & TN. Favorite roles include Queen Gertrude (*Hamlet*) and Liesl (*Sound of Music*). When she's not acting, Maggie is raising her four kids and working on various graphic design projects. "Special thanks to my husband, Evan, for always encouraging me in my creative endeavors."



JR Knowles (Tom Snout) is a Nashville native with a Bachelor's in Theatre from MTSU. He has had the privilege to perform on stage with local companies like Watershed Public Theatre, Tennessee Playwrights Studio, Actors Bridge Ensemble and the Nashville Shakespeare Festival, and is very grateful to have received First Night nominations for his work on *Fan Me With A Brick* and *White Elephant*. Many thanks to you for supporting local arts.

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Luke McGuire (Philostrate) is excited to return to Watershed Public Theatre for another show. He is a teaching artist at both Watershed Public Theatre and Nashville Children's Theatre. You may have seen him in WPT's *Robin Hood & Friends* (Robin Hood), *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged* (Adam), Nashville Children's Theatre's *Three Little Kittens* (Pinwheel), or Murfreesboro Little Theatre's *Puffs* (Wayne). Luke

would like to thank the cast, crew, and his friends for the opportunity to be part of this extraordinary production.



William Meyer (Demetrius) is thrilled and honored to join Watershed with such a talented cast. He is a junior in high school and a dual enrollment student at Columbia State Community College. His past credits include *The Importance Of Being Earnest* (Algernon Moncrieff), *We Are Who We Are* (Supervisor, Dean, Human), *The Villian Therapy Show* (Joker), *Willy Wonka Jr.* (Grandpa Joe), and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (Sidney).

After a two-year break from theater, he is excited to be back on stage to continue his acting journey. When he's not on stage, Will is rocking out on his guitar, rock climbing, and practicing Krav Maga. He would like to thank his friends, family, and pet dog Jasper for their unending encouragement and love. Enjoy the show!



Will Riley (Francis Flute) currently works in special education at Columbia Central High School. This is his first theatre production and first time working with Watershed Public Theatre. He loves you all.



Shealey Root (Moth) is appearing in her first show with Watershed Public Theatre and she is so excited! She has been involved with theater for a couple years now and can't wait to continue. Thank you so much to my family, friends, and the Legacy barista gang for supporting her in her efforts!



Jackson Roy (Nick Bottom) is a senior theatre major and musical theater minor at MTSU and is so excited to do his first show with Watershed Public Theatre! Some notable roles he has played are Ollie in *The Ruminants*, Howie in *Speech and Debate*, Alf in *Peter and the Starcatcher*, and a Kit Kat boy in *Cabaret* (MTSU). Jackson would like to thank all his friends, his sister, and his amazing girlfriend Aubrey for all their support.

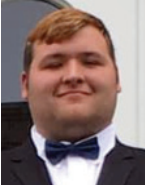
The Cast (continued)



Katelyn Rust (Titania) is so happy to back in another Watershed production. She went to California State University of Fullerton for musical theatre training. She is grateful to work with this cast and crew to bring this magical show to life. All her love to Tim and their boys who bring the real magic to every day.



Tim Rust (Theseus) is thrilled to be a part of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with Watershed Public Theatre. This is his fourth production with WPT, having previously appeared as Friar Tuck in *Robin Hood & Friends*, in the ensemble of *Anastasia*, and as Mr. Bingley in *Pride and Prejudice*. Favorite past roles include Stone in *City of Angels*, and Rapunzel's Prince in *Into the Woods*.



David Sharp (Robin Starveling) is a student at MTSU who is majoring in theater. He began his theater career while attending Columbia State Community College. He is currently an apprentice with Watershed Public Theatre and loves all things theater. He has worked behind the scenes as a crew member and on the stage as an actor.



Jamie Storvik (Egeus) splits her time between her home in Alabama and her daughter's home in Murfreesboro, TN. She has enjoyed working with a variety of community theaters for the past 20 years acting, costuming, directing, etc. Her real passion lies in working with youth with special needs through the Penguin Project, where young artists star in their own musical productions. She would like to give special thanks to her friend, Scott.



Sarah Tatom (Petra Quince) is grateful to be participating in her third production with WPT. For the last eight years Sarah has worked as the Theatre Director at Columbia Academy. She holds a B.A. in Theatre Design and Production from Freed-Hardeman University. She would like to thank her family for always loving and supporting her and thank you to Watershed for working to create a community of artists in Columbia.



Jonathan Thompson (Lysander) is a Nashville based actor, singer, and performer. Recent credits include Jack Worthing in *The Importance of Being Earnest* (WPT) Augustus Gloop in *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory* (Nashville Children's Theatre), Perkins in *The Play That Goes Wrong*, Dennis in *All Shook Up*, and Puppeteer/Dentist understudy in *Little Shop of Horrors* (Cumberland County Playhouse). Much love to his family and friends!

The Cast (continued)



Amaya Weakley (Puck) is a senior at Summit High School and is excited to be Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*! This is her first production with Watershed Public Theatre and she is so honored to have been given the opportunity to work with such an amazing cast, crew, and director. She can't wait for you to see this incredible production!



Katie Webb (Hermia) is a recent graduate from Vanderbilt with a Master of Education in Child Studies, but she has always loved live theatre and the arts, as seen with her BFA in Musical Theatre from Lipscomb University and experience as a fine arts teacher. Credits from Lipscomb include *Bright Star* (Margo), *Godspell* ('Bless the Lord' soloist), and *As You Like It* (Celia u/s - performed). She has performed and directed with several companies around Nashville including Nashville Shakespeare Festival, Nashville Repertory Theatre, and the Theater Bug. She is also a proud member of the SENSE Theatre, working as the Music Director for productions with individuals with Autism. She would like to thank her wonderful Watershed cast and crew for making her feel welcomed and her husband and family for encouraging her to step back into the performing arts.



Alex White (Snug) is very happy to come back to Watershed Public Theatre in his second production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He recently graduated from MTSU with a degree in theater. His other work with WPT includes *The Importance of Being Earnest* as Dr. Chausible, *A Christmas Carol* as Jacob Marley, and *Pride and Prejudice* as Mr Collins.



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The Production Team

Justin Blackburn (Assistant Technical Director) is excited to work on yet another production with Watershed Public Theatre. Prior to joining the WPT team, he was actively involved in Theatre Charlotte and worked a variety of jobs on several productions. In his spare time he enjoys thrifting, practicing magic and providing support for theatre programs in Middle Tennessee schools. He resides in Mount Pleasant with his amazing wife Joyce and dogs Rickie and Ellie. Thank you for supporting local arts!

Caleb Finley (Director) is thrilled to direct his first production for Watershed Public Theatre. Directing credits include *Bus Stop* and co-director for *Les Miserables (School Edition)*. Previous WPT credits include Assistant Stage Manager for *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *The 39 Steps*, *Robin Hood & Friends*, *A Very Maury Christmas* and *Those Wicked Stepsisters*. On stage, he has been seen in WPT's *Anastasia* and was heard as the Sheriff of Nottingham in *Robin Hood & Friends*.

Kate Foreman (Properties) is a Columbia native who has worked in professional theater in Middle Tennessee for nearly 20 years, including eight years working for Nashville (formerly Tennessee) Repertory Theatre. Kate is thrilled to be working at the helm of Watershed Public Theatre. Many thanks to husband John, the WPT board of directors, the cast & crew, friends and family for their amazing support. Thank you for supporting local theatre!

Susan Gaw (Stage Manager) holds a degree in theatre from Winthrop University and has been working in live entertainment for more than 30 years. Thanks to Nate, Allison, and Adam for all the stuff!

Sarah Kennedy (Costumes) is enjoying yet another Watershed Public Theatre experience. By day she is the director of Ghostlight Books in Spring Hill. In between peddling books, teaching, directing and keeping up with her son Benjamin and miscellaneous pets, she also coordinates youth arts field trips and advises for youth arts and education in multiple organizations regionally and nationally, including serving as WPT's Education & Outreach Manager.



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The Production Team *(continued)*

Payton McCarthy (Assistant Stage Manager) is happy to be a part of the WPT team. Payton is a graduate of MTSU's theatre department with an emphasis in direction. Previous directing credits include *Cabaret* (Murfreesboro Little Theatre), *Stop Kiss* (MTSU), and *Bloody Human* (MTSU). Assistant Director credits include *The Cake* (Nashville Repertory Theatre), *Godspell* (MTSU), and *Witches of Eastwick* (WMU). He thanks you for supporting Watershed Public Theatre and hopes that you enjoy the show!

Zach Perkins (Technical Director) has recently moved to Tennessee from Kansas. This is his third season working with Watershed Public Theatre, having held various positions including Sound Designer, Assistant Technical Director and Technical Director. He has also been seen on the WPT stage in *Those Wicked Stepsisters* and *Romeo & Juliet*.

Christian Randell (Creative Director) is elated to see his dream project come to fruition. Shakespeare in the Park has been a bucket list project and is so grateful to Watershed Public Theatre and Columbia Parks and Recreation for assisting him in this vision. A special thank you to Caleb Finley for their wonderful direction of the show and for their genuine friendship. He hopes to continue bringing Shakespeare and classic theatre to Columbia and can't wait for the next show! Enjoy the show and keep supporting local theatre!





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