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MONTEREY, CA – Monterey Peninsula College Theatre Arts Department presents

A Midsummer Night's Dream

by William Shakespeare

Directed by Justin Matthew Gordon

August 1 to August 18, 2019

Tickets available from the MPC Theatre Box Office (831-646-4213) or online at www.mpctheatre.com

About the MPC Production of A Midsummer Night's Dream

The MPC Theatre Arts Department unveils an exciting new adaptation of William Shakespeare's romantic comedy about four lovers who find themselves bewitched by fairies on an enchanted midsummer night, when the human and fairy realms coalesce. Featuring a cast of MPC Theatre students and community actors, this unique, collaborative rendition combines original music, dance, and audience participation, and immersive staging in an innovative presentation of Shakespeare's comedic vision of magic, mythology, and human folly.

About the Director

Having recently directed *Romeo & Juliet*, *The Fantasticks*, and *Hamlet* this past year, Director Justin Matthew Gordon is well prepared to bring this exciting production to the MPC Theatre. Justin studied classical directing and acting at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London, England, during Mark Rylance's tenure as Artistic Director. While at the Globe, he studied under Tony and Olivier Award-winning actress Jane Lapotaire, as well as the Globe's Masters of Movement, Voice, and Elizabethan Stage Combat, working under teachers with the British Academy of Stage Combat. He completed his additional theatrical combat training with the Society of American Fight Directors and received his M.F.A. in Acting at the

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, training under a renowned faculty, including Tony Award-winning director Daniel Sullivan. Justin's classical work in regional theatre is extensive, including several seasons with the Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespeare Festival. Locally, he has performed in and fight directed multiple seasons with Pacific Repertory Theatre's Carmel Shakespeare Festival, including their upcoming 2019 season. Justin is a member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society, Actors Equity Association, the Society of American Fight Directors, and SAG-AFTRA. He has been working out of the Monterey Peninsula since 2015, joining the MPC Theatre faculty in 2017, where he directed last year's acclaimed and sold out production of William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.

About the Design Team

The Design team includes **Justin Matthew Gordon** (*Director*), **Michael Blackburn** (*Music Director*), **Eric Maximoff & Corinn Hillstrom** (*Scenic Designers*), **Derek Duarte** (*Lighting Designer*), **Ashley Tripp** (*Costume Designer*), **Eric Maximoff** (*Master Carpenter*), **Sarah Horn** (*Original music*), and **Corinne Agro** (*Choreographer*).

About the MPC Theatre Charitable Trust

The Monterey Peninsula Community Theatre Company Charitable Trust is an independent 501(c)(3) that supports MPC theatre programs by funding expenses not covered by the California State educational budget.

Performance Dates and Times:

A Midsummer Night's Dream previews Thursday, August 1 at 7:30 PM. Opening Night is Friday, August 2 at 7:30 PM. Performances run Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 PM and Sundays at 2:00 PM from August 1 through August 18. The full schedule is:

Thursday	August 01	7:30 PM	Preview/Discount Thursday
Friday	August 02	7:30 PM	Opening Night
Saturday	August 03	7:30 PM	
Sunday	August 04	2:00 PM	Matinée
Thursday	August 08	7:30 PM	Discount Thursday
Friday	August 09	7:30 PM	
Saturday	August 10	7:30 PM	
Sunday	August 11	2:00 PM	Matinée

Thursday	August 15	7:30 PM	Discount Thursday
Friday	August 16	7:30 PM	
Saturday	August 17	7:30 PM	
Sunday	August 18	2:00 PM	Matinée – Final performance

Thursday Ticket Prices

Thursday Preview and subsequent Thursday performances are \$12.50 for all Adults

Please Note: Campus Parking is required for Thursday evening performances and costs \$3.00. Some kiosks take quarters and others take dollar bills.

For All regular performances

24-hour advance tickets are \$20.00 for Adults and Seniors (or \$25 and \$22 at the door.)

Military, Teachers, and Young Adults (13-21) are \$15.00 each. Reservations are recommended.

Tickets are available online at www.mpctheatre.com or by calling The MPC Box Office at 831-646-4213.

Tickets are available through the MPC Box Office on the Monterey Peninsula College Campus at 980 Fremont Street. The Box Office (831-646-4213) is located in the lobby of the Theatre Arts building on the southwest corner of the MPC campus, adjacent to parking lot “C” just off Fishnet road. The Box Office is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3:00 – 7:00 PM and two hours prior to performances during performance weeks. Tickets are also available online at www.mpctheatre.com.

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