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Get Swept Up in the Midsummer Magic

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The Wednesday cast rehearses for A Midsummer Night's Dream Photo provided

Orinda Intermediate School's Bulldog Theater Company, wanting to share the incredible work of Shakespeare and bring it to life for school children throughout our community, will present A Midsummer Night's Dream to audiences in early November.

This is not only a great chance to see Shakespeare in action but also an educational opportunity for students - as an incentive for the younger crowd to attend, \$1.00 tickets to the two preview nights will be offered to anyone 17 or under.

It's not every day that a Lamorinda middle school tackles the world of Shakespeare on stage - the Bulldogs may well be the first to do so - but OIS is ready to entertain and amaze you.

Theseus and Hippolyta are soon to be crowned the king and queen of Homecoming at Athens High in this 1950's era re-imagining of Shakespeare's classic tale. When underclassmen Hermia and Lysander refuse to date the match chosen for them by the social pecking order, they take matters into their own hands and run away, leaving behind an unrelenting competitor (Demetrius) and a heart-sick confidant (Helena). Soon mischief and magic befall

them in the suburban woods, and passion potions flip their affections in the blink of an eye.

Meanwhile, in preparation for the Homecoming festivities, the Athens High misfit squad of mechanicals set about creating a dramatic production of their own to perform during the Homecoming festivities. The battling of fairy king and queen, Oberon and Titania, supported by their respective entourages of greasers and pink lady fairies, cause all sorts of mayhem with the mortals, going as far as transforming one of the players into a half-man half-donkey. Oberon's right hand henchmen, Puck and Robin Goodfellow, eventually set everything aright and the "Enchantment under the Stars" Homecoming celebration goes off without a hitch, ensuring that all fairies and humans find their own happily ever after.

Performances:

November 2-6 (six performances, three for each cast)

- Nov 2 at 4:30 (preview \$1 - 17 & under)

- Nov 3 at 4:30 (preview \$1 - 17 & under)

- Nov 4 at 5 & 8pm

- Nov 5 at 3 & 7pm

Tickets:

Available online at www.ShowTix4u.com or at the door one hour before each show.

Wednesday and Thursday Preview shows are general seating: \$6 Adults / \$1 Students

Friday and Saturday shows are reserved seating: \$10 Premier Seating

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