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*A Midsummer
Night's Dream*



THE WINTER'S TALE



FIU Department of Theatre and Dance Presents

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM and THE WINTER'S TALE

We are pleased to announce an ambitious and exciting theatre event, a presentation of two Shakespeare plays in rotating repertory.

One of the most familiar and beloved of all of Shakespeare's plays, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* takes us into a magic land of a feuding spirit king and queen, adds two pairs of frantic lovers and a band of comic rustics preparing a play, and places them all in an enchanted forest where all are thoroughly mixed up by the mischievous spirit Puck. The result is, as Puck says, "A merrier hour" (or two) than you have ever spent in the theatre.

The Winter's Tale, while less well known, is no less enchanting. It is, as its title suggests, a tale to be told on a winter's night. It is part serious tragedy, as dark as any Shakespeare has written, and part sunny pastoral comedy. It features lost children, fairy story romance, roguery and comedy, music and dance, and a surprising, highly theatrical ending.

Our productions will feature student casts supplemented with a guest professional actor in each play. Joseph Haj, an FIU theatre graduate who has appeared in several Shakespeare productions directed by outstanding directors at such theatres as the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis, will play the leading role in *The Winter's Tale*. The role of Oberon in *Dream* will be played by Stephen Bonnell, who also has extensive professional acting experience, both locally and in New York. *A Winter's Tale* will be directed by Therald Todd and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Phillip M. Church. Settings and lighting will be designed by Robert Butcher and costumes by Marilyn R. Skow.

Performance dates: *The Winter's Tale* March 18, 20, 26, April 1, 3 at 8:00 p.m. and March 28 at 2:00 p.m.

A Midsummer Night's Dream March 19, 25, 27, April 2 at 8:00 p.m. and March 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: General Admission \$8, Students with ID, Faculty, FIU Alumni Association Members and Senior Citizens \$6, FIU Students with ID \$2.

For reservations and information call 348-3789 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. To purchase tickets in advance (March 8 through April 2) come to D.M. 432 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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