OPEN DANCE PROJECT



A Midsummer Night's Dream

Friday, November 13, 2026
7:30PM

MILLER OUTDOOR THEATRE
IN HERMANN PARK

Open Dance Project Presents

A Midsummer Night's Dream

A Dance Theater Adaptation of Shakespeare's Classic Comedy



"Though she be but little, she is fierce!"

Growing up, I was always the shortest kid in my class. I was smart and creative and very, very small. Sometimes I loved being the smallest kid around. I could move quickly and fit into tight spaces, and looking younger meant I got to play the child parts in the Nutcracker for much longer than my peers did. But when the kids at school called me "shrimp" or asked why someone let a first grader into their third grade classroom, being little felt more like a curse than a superpower.

Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream celebrates so many things we love at Open Dance Project — fairies, forests, magic, dreaming, journeys, and being little! When Shakespeare's Hermia has her world turned upside down first by her father and then again by a mischievous fairy, she summons all the ferocity in her small body to set things right again.

Besides being a great story of the triumph of true love for all sizes, Midsummer is also one great big magical, silly, and unapologetic joke about how ridiculous humans are when we take ourselves too seriously. We're thrilled to bring this ridiculousness to life on the stage for you today.

Here's to magic and mischief!

Here's to Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream!

Annie Arnett

Cast in order of appearance:

Theseus	Adam Kral
Hippolyta	Taylor McAnulty Guajardo
Egeus	Joseph Stevens
Hermia	Sarah Lyman
Demetrius	Atticus Griffin
Lysander	Brenden Winkfield
Helena	Madelyn Manlove
Peter Quince	Margo Smolik
Nick Bottom	Jaime Garcia Vergara
Frances Flute	Elyssa Vega
Robin Starveling	Annie Arnoult
Tom Snout	Zuri Humphrey
Snug	Taylor McAnulty Guajardo
Fairy	Macy George
Puck	Sonia Engman
Oberon	Joseph Stevens
Titania	Cara McManus

Act 1

Battleground
Athen's Court
Dance of the Saplings
The Mechanicals
Robin Goodfellow
The Lovers: Part I
Fairies
The Fairy Queen and King

10 minute Intermission

Act 2

Love-in-Idleness
Mechanicals Part II
A Fairy Queen and A Donkey Bottom
Lovers Collide
A Funeral, A Wedding, and A Play



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Choreographic Direction by: Annie Arnoult
Produced by: Laura Harrell
Production & Stage Management: Christina Maley
Lighting Design: Hudson Davis (based on the original design by Tiffany Schrepferman)
Sound Design: Shawn St. John
Costume Design: Ashley Horn Nott
Props Design: Lauren Davis
Puppet Design & Build: Sasha Blaschka/Aayani Design
Aerial Rigging Design: Christina Maley & Sarah Lyman
Graphic Design: Abby Flowers
Photography: Lynn Lane
Cinematography: BEND Productions

Music Composed, Performed and Recorded by:
John Duboise and Kirk Suddreath

A special thank you to these additional artists:
Cathy Power (flute), Kristie Odom (vocal), Alli Villines (oboe, vocal), Brigette Yawn (viola), and Chris Bakos (mixing engineer)

Choreographed and Performed by Open Dance Project Company Members & Guest Artists:

Annie Arnoult, Sonia Engman, Jaimé Garcia Vergara, Atticus Griffin, Zuri Humphrey (apprentice), Adam Kral (guest artist), Sarah Lyman, Madelyn Manlove, Cara McManus, Taylor McAnulty Guajardo (guest artist), Margo Smolik, Joseph Stevens, Elyssa Vega (apprentice), Brenden Winkfield (guest artist)

Featuring ODP2 Dancers:

Viktorya Ernstes, Macy George, Emilia Kehr, Inara Lynch, Eile McCosh, Alexandra Minnich, James Nettles, Yamilita Nicolau-Connolly, Ava Phelan, Iris Wooten

ODP2 Choreography and Rehearsal Direction by:

Sonia Engman, Atticus Griffin, Sarah Lyman, Madelyn Manlove, Gage Self

Professional ASL/English interpreting services provided courtesy of SDG Communication Resources, Inc.

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