

# *Standing* OVATION



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**A Midsummer Night's Dream**

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## In Order of Appearance

Theseus	Josh McCauley*
Hippolyta	Vic O'Brien*
Egeus	Todd Klocke*
Hermia	Hope Carlson*
Lysander	Joe Kirwen
Demetrius	Andy Soto*
Helena	Morgan Mulford
Robin	Maia Talarico*
Oberon	Wayne Black*
Titania	Ali Kirwen
Bottom	Levi Frazier*
Quince	Nicole Klostermann*
Flute	Todd Klocke*
Starveling	Lou Ramsey
Snout	Corinn Brush*
Snug	April Tan*
Philostrate	Lou Ramsey
Peaseblossom	Allison Watters*
Cobweb	Delaney Halverson
Moth	Anna Lee*
Mustardseed	Jane Simpson*
	* ACT Debut

**Time:** The 1960s, a time of growing protests and the beginnings of the women's liberation movement.

**Place:** Athens, but it could be anywhere...

## **ACT I**

- Scene 1 Athens. The palace of Theseus  
Scene 2 Athens. A room in Quince's house

## **ACT II**

- Scene 1 The woods near Athens  
Scene 2 Another part of the woods

## **ACT III**

- Scene 1 The woods where Titania lays sleeping  
Scene 2 Another part of the woods

## **ACT IV**

- Scene 1 The woods where Lysander, Demetrius,  
Helena and Hermia lay sleeping  
Scene 2 Athens. A room in Quince's house

## **ACT V**

- Scene 1 Athens. The palace of Theseus

## **Production Team**

Director	Cary Shapiro
Assistant Director	Leslie Stratton Gookin
Producer	Tami Mullen, Matt Tuttle
Stage Manager	Tiffany Waggoner
Set Design	Cary Shapiro
Set Construction/Painting	Keith Mullen
Light Design	Matt Tuttle
Light & Sound Technician	Matt Tuttle
Costumes	Cheryl Clark
Props	Tamie Mullen
Program	Lynn Arterburn
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## Biographies



**Wayne Black** (Oberon) is making his debut at ACT. He is a local playwright and actor performing in the Des Moines and Ankeny area. Shows include *Rent*, *The Hobbit*, *Treasure Island*, and several Shakespearean plays and adaptations. Wayne is an avid player of Dungeons and Dragons. Other hobbies include writing, drawing, and generally having a good time.



**Corinn Brush** (Snout) is appearing in her second show in fifteen years. She played Vera in *The Odd Couple* (female version) in high school and Maggie in ACT's *Dinner by Eight*, *Dead by Nine* in February. Corinn directed *Hide and Seek* in high school. Hobbies include camping, hiking, anything water related, traveling, and Netflix. She is a residential assistant at Brio of Johnston.



**Hope Carlson** (Hermia) is appearing on the ACT stage for the first time. She is no stranger to acting and some of her favorite shows include Agnes (*Agnes of God*), herself in *Godspell*, Hot Lips (*MASH*), and Trish (*Charlie Foster*). Hope enjoys all things music and theater as well as social studies and communications/theater teachings. She is an assistant site leader for the YMCA Day Camp and attends the University of Northern Iowa.



**Levi Frazier** (Nick Bottom) has been involved in theater at ISU, Theatre Northwest, and Cardinal Theatre. He has appeared in *Orpheus in the Underworld*, *Footloose the Musical*, *Landscapes of the Mind*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *The Miracle Worker*. He is a Junior at ISU and double majoring in Music and Theatre. “A special thanks to the Galvin family for feeding and sheltering me this summer here in Ankeny.”



**Delaney Halverson** (Cobweb) was last seen on the ACT stage earlier this year as Mrs. Goldengate in *The Elevator Family*. She has also appeared in *The Very Merry X-mas Carol Holiday Adventure Show* (Rudolph) at ACT, *Peter Pan The Musical* (Peter Pan) at Ballard, and *101 Dalmatians Musical* (Perdita) in Ames. Delaney enjoys playing with animals, riding horses, playing soccer, and loves to watch *The Amazing Race*. She is a babysitter. Delaney is a freshman at Ballard.



**Ali Kirwen** (Titania) just can't get enough of acting. She and her husband, Joe, performed in *Dancing Lessons* at the Region V AACTFest Competition in April and took second place for best show. She has also appeared at ACT in *Unnecessary Farce* (Billie Dwyer), *Honk!* (Ida), and *Almost, Maine* (Rhonda). Ali is a doctoral student at Iowa State. She loves sharing shows with her husband even when they don't get to talk to each other.



**Joe Kirwen** (Lysander) is one lucky guy when he gets to share the stage with his wonderful wife, Ali. He has appeared numerous times at ACT: *Dancing Lessons* (Ever), *Frankenstein* (Henry Clerval), *Happily Ever After* (Cash), *The Middle of Yesterday* (Steven), and *Almost, Maine* (Dave). Joe's hobbies include reading, playing board games, and running lights/sound for ACT shows.



**Todd Klocke** (Egeus/Francis Flute) has performed at Indianola's Carousel Theatre, Carroll Community Theatre, and Atchison Community Theatre. Shows include *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (Scanlon), *Beauty and the Beast* (Maurice), *It's a Wonderful Life* (George Bailey), and *West Side Story* (Chino). He is a fanatical player of *Fallout* and *World of Warcraft*. Todd and his fiancée, KT, are planning their wedding for next June. He works at Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino.



**Nicole Klostermann** (Peter Quince) has appeared on stage as Brutus (*Julius Caesar*) and Ariadne (*The Frogs*) at the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Theater, Evil Gabbi (*She Kills Monsters*) at Iowa City Community Theatre, and Girl (*The Crucible*) at Cedar Rapids Theatre. Nicole is a bookseller at Half Price Books. She attends the University of Iowa majoring in English.



**Anna Lee** (Moth) appeared numerous times on stage at UNI and in Cedar Falls. Shows include *Bye, Bye, Birdie* (Nancy), *Jackie O* (Paparazzi Tap Dancer), *The Trojan Women* (chorus member), *Avenue Q* (Christmas Eve), and *Hansel and Gretel Opera* (Angel/Gingerbread Boy). She also was assistant music director for *Hair*. This summer, Anna is teaching at the Des Moines Performing Arts. She recently graduated from the University of Northern Iowa.



**Josh McCauley** (Theseus) has appeared at ACTORS in *Curtains* (Frank Cioffi), *Rumors* (Ken Goreman), and *The Murder Room* (Edgar/Able). He also has played the Cat in the Hat in *Seussical the Musical* and Robert in *Boeing, Boeing* at Community Players Theatre in Bloomington, Illinois. Josh works at Deery of Ames.



**Morgan Mulford** (Helena) appeared at ACT last season as Gayle in *Almost, Maine*. She has also appeared on stage at ACTORS and ISU. Shows include *Curtains* (Roberta), *Almost, Maine* (Ginette/Sandrine/Gayle/Shelly/Hope), and *The Children's Hour* (Lois). Morgan also played the Messenger/Verges in *Much Ado About Nothing* with Searching for Shakespeare. She is a workshop instructor at Story Theatre Company. Morgan is a senior in English and Performing Arts at Iowa State University.



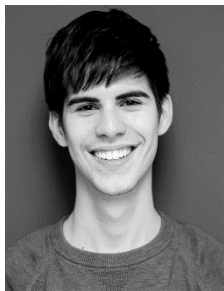
**Victoriana “Vic” O’Brien** (Hippolyta) is also making her first appearance at ACT. She has played Tilly in *She Kills Monsters*, Catherine in *Suddenly Last Summer*, and Cassie in *Rumors*. Vic enjoys playing video games, spending time with her husband, dog, and kitty, and doing photography.



**Lou Ramsey** (Starveling/Philostrate) made their ACT debut this spring as Gangster 2 in *Kiss Me, Kate*. They have also acted at Dreamwell Theatre and Run of the Mill Theatre in Iowa City and at Ankeny Centennial High School. Shows include *She Kills Monsters*, *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and *Twelve Angry Jurors*. Lou’s hobbies include writing music and poetry, studying at DMACC, performing ukulele shows, and wearing cool shirts. Lou works at Dunkin Donuts.



**Jane Simpson** (Mustardseed) appeared in *Bang, Bang, You’re Dead* (Chorus/Grandfather) at Lyons Township High School. She also performed in the *Complete Works of Jane Austin* (Fanny Price/Jane Austen) at the La Grange Public Library. Jane enjoys running 5Ks and is a data analyst.



**Andy Soto** (Demetrius) has appeared in shows at Indian Hills Community College and UNI. Shows include *She Kills Monsters* (Orcus), *Chicago* (Fogarty), *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* (Puck), *Hair: The American Tribal Love Rock Musical* (ensemble), and *A Tuna Christmas* (Garland). Andy watches a lot of Netflix and YouTube, freaks out about new music, spends time with his dog, goes to movies, and wastes time on Twitter. His favorite Shakespeare play just happens to be *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*.





**Maia Talarico** (Robin) is playing one of her favorite characters in Shakespeare. She is thrilled at the chance to become “the ultimate prankster”. She has performed in *Ella Enchanted* (Olive) at the Des Moines Playhouse and *Rapture, Blister, Burn* (Avery) at Iowa Stage Theatre Co., as well as many shows with ISU and theatre companies around the country. Maia’s hobbies include singing, awkwardly dancing, and being a public prankster/jokester.



**April Tan** (Snug) is making her ACT debut. She has appeared on the ISU stage in *This is Not a Pipe Dream*. April’s hobbies are backcountry camping, snowboarding, and cuddling with her puppy. She is a graduate student and TA at Iowa State University.



**Allison Watters** (Peaseblossom) has appeared in *The Pink Panther* (McLarin), *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse* (Narrator 2), and *Hamlet Thrill-ma-geddon* (Advertisement). Allison enjoys art and shopping. She is a senior at Ballard High School.

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**Cary Shapiro** (Director) was a drama director for the Ankeny Community Schools for 25 years. He was inducted into the Iowa High School Speech Association Hall of Fame in 2015. Cary took Ankeny High School drama groups to Scotland three times to perform in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. His favorite on-stage role was Sidney Bruhl in *Deathtrap*. Cary's favorite musicals to direct were *Into the Woods* and *Once Upon This Island* while his favorite non-musicals were *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Lend Me a Tenor*, and *I Never Saw a Butterfly*. Cary loves to travel the world with his wonderful (and understanding) wife, Jane. He retired from AHS in 2014 and works at Plot Twist Bookstore as the events manager. His assistant director, Leslie Stratton Gookin, is a former student. He is looking forward to working with her again as a colleague.



**Leslie Stratton Gookin** (Assistant Director) is the English and Drama teacher at Ankeny Centennial High School. She appeared last season in ACT's *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* as Rona Lisa Peretti. Leslie enjoys playing board games with her family, traveling with her husband, John, trying new food with friends, and snuggling with her two dogs, Olive and Charlie. She was Cary's student many years ago and is honored to continue to learn from and work with him in this production.



**Tamie Mullen** (Producer/Props) is producing her very first show. She has filled the position of Prop Master for several of ACT's shows over the past two seasons. She also serves on the ACT Board of Directors. Tamie has no acting experience and has no desire to be on stage. Her hobbies include going to garage sales with her mom, matting and framing, painting/sign making, and thrift shopping. Tamie works for the State of Iowa.



**Matt Tuttle** (Producer/Lights & Sound) serves on the ACT Board and has been seen on our stage in *A Few Good Men* and *A Christmas Chaos*. He's not really an "on stage" person but prefers to be in the background doing light design, running tech for shows, and helping build sets. Matt plays piano and occasionally develops video games for fun. He works at Active Interest Media as a Web Developer. "If you're ever looking to get involved with tech or some other behind-the-scenes work, I'd love to chat with you!"

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