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Cornish College of the Arts presents Shakespeare in the Park

SEATTLE, WA – Cornish College of the Arts Theater Department presents a Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare at Volunteer Park in Seattle.

April 20-22 & April 27-29, 3:30 pm

Shakespeare in the Park

A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare and directed by David Bennett

Tom Burke Memorial at Volunteer Park, 1247 15th Ave E, Seattle

Free and open to the public

About A Midsummer Night's Dream

A Midsummer Night's Dream is a romantic comedy by William Shakespeare written in the late-1500s. The play is one of Shakespeare's most popular and tells the story of a group of hapless mortals, clowns and lovers who are lost at night in an Athenian forest when the fairies come out to work their tricks and illusions.

About David Bennett, Director

David Bennett's directing credits include *My Fair Lady*, *Miss Saigon* and *The Most Happy Fella* at the 5th Avenue Theatre, *Hay Fever* for Peterborough Players, *Bunnacula* and *Junie B. Jones* at Seattle Children's Theatre, *Connie Congdon's Dog Opera* at Northwest Asian American Theatre (NWAAT) and *Once On This Island* and *Man of La Mancha* at the Village Theatre. New plays and musicals include *The Tutor*, *Desperate Measures*, *Stunt Girl*, *Endangered Species*, *The Last Starfighter* at New York Musical Theatre Festival (NYMF), and *A Perfect Fall*, a play written and performed by Seattle area high school students. Bennett has also worked with Peterborough Players, Gateway Playhouse, North Carolina Theatre, Pennsylvania Stage Co., Portland Stage Co., Ordway Theatre and Casa Manana.

About Cornish College of the Arts

Cornish College of the Arts provides aspiring artists with the educational opportunities to become professionals in their fields. The College offers Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in Art, Dance, Design, Performance Production and Theater, and a Bachelor of Music degree. It is one of three private colleges in the United States focusing on both the performing and visual arts, and the only college of its kind in the Northwest. The College is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design and has a national reputation for its faculty, curriculum, and student performance and exhibition opportunities.

Since its founding by Nellie Cornish in 1914, Cornish College of the Arts has contributed to the nation's cultural and intellectual heritage through its alumni and faculty. Historically, these figures include choreographers and dancers Merce Cunningham, Martha Graham, Syvilla Fort and Bonnie Bird; composer John Cage; painters Mark Tobey, William Cumming, and William Ivey; photographer Imogen Cunningham; educator Calvin B. Cady and broadcaster Chet Huntley, to name just a few. More recently these figures are joined by Brendan Fraser (film actor), Patrick Haskett (painter), Steve Jenson (sculptor), Paul Owen Lewis (illustrator), Lois Rathvon McCarter (dancer/choreographer), Evyind Kang (violinist/composer), Jarrad Powell and Joshua Kohl (composers). And, the College continues to represent the Northwest's largest concentration of professional artists dedicated to instruction.

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