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***HAMLET: A COMIC MASTERPIECE***

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April 21- 23, 3:30 pm; April 28 - 30, 3:30 pm

An acrobatic vaudevillian adaptation of Shakespeare's masterpiece by William Shakespeare, Keith Hitchcock, and members of the Cornish College Junior class Theater ensemble, performed by a company of red-nosed clowns.

Outdoor Shakespeare, adapted and directed by Keith Hitchcock.

Volunteer Park Stage. The show will go on unless there is a downpour.

Free and open to the public.

For information, please call 206.726.5011 or email [events@cornish.edu](mailto:events@cornish.edu)

SEATTLE, WA – Cornish College of the Arts is pleased to present *Hamlet: A Comic Masterpiece*, performed outdoors at the Volunteer Park Stage April 21-23 and April 28-30. A humorous remake of one of Shakespeare's most well-known plays, this production is free and open to the public.

An acrobatic vaudevillian adaptation of Shakespeare's masterpiece performed by a company of red-nosed clowns, this production of *Hamlet* has been created by Keith Hitchcock, and members of the Cornish College Junior class Theater ensemble

"Okay, sure *Hamlet* is a classic," says Director Keith Hitchcock. "Yeah, it's a great play, but it's just so tragic, not to mention wordy. Words, words, words!" Hitchcock continues, "It's about time this four-century old play went on a diet, had an extreme make-over, and was given a wedgie."

The production will take place on the Volunteer Park Stage, in Volunteer Park in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood. *Hamlet: A Comic Masterpiece* plays for two weekends beginning at 3:30 pm on Friday, April 21; and continues Saturday, April 22; Sunday April 23; Friday, April 28; Saturday April 29; and Sunday April 30. *Hamlet* is free and open to the public. As it is staged outdoors, the show will go on unless there is a downpour. For more information, please call 206.726.5011.

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**ABOUT CORNISH COLLEGE OF THE ARTS**

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Cornish College of the Arts is the premier, accredited arts college in the Northwest, inspiring the highest standards of artistic and academic excellence. Founded in 1914 by Nellie Cornish, Cornish College is the only private, accredited college in the region offering baccalaureate degrees in visual and performing arts. Cornish College offers a Bachelor of Music and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in art, dance, design, theater and performance production. Cornish College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

Over the years, Cornish has hosted a parade of important artists in the roles of students, teachers or as visiting artists-in-residence, including John Cage, Merce Cunningham, Mark Tobey, Martha Graham, Morris Graves, Imogen Cunningham, Laurie Anderson, Philip Glass, Jacob Lawrence, Mark Morris, Meredith Monk, Bobbie McFerrin, Obo Addy, Rinde Eckert, Bebe Miller, Ruth St. Denis, Ted Shawn, Bill Frisell, Robin Holcomb, Jeff Koons, Michael Spafford, Lynda Barry, Chet Huntley, Syvilla Fort, Ping Chong, Kenny Werner, Ralph Towner, Mary Frank, Thornton Wilder, Lou Harrison, Jane Ira Bloom, Kraig Patterson, Musicians Accord, Bun Ching Lam, Brendan Fraser, Myra Melford, Sharon Isbin, Joanne Brackeen, Oliver Lake, California Ear Unit, Colorado Quartet, and Gary Peacock, among others.

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