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IN BRIEF: *Much Ado About Nothing* by William Shakespeare. Directed by Lois Anderson November 8-24, 2018, 7:30 pm. No show Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Preview: November 7. Opening Night Reception: November 8; Post-show Talkback: November 14. Wine/Show pairings chosen by alumna Barbara Phillip MW at Gallini's Bar.

SINGLE TICKETS: Adults: \$24.50. Seniors: \$16.50. Students: \$11.50, Youth: \$5 **VENUE:** Frederic Wood Theatre, 6354 Crescent Rd. **BOX OFFICE:** 604.822.2678 or box.office@ubc.ca or www.ubctheatretickets.com | **WEBSITE:** www.theatrefilm.ubc.ca **Media Contact:** Andrea Rabinovitch.

Venice, Italy, 2018. Sisters Leonata and Antonia welcome the Italian Cup Soccer champions into their Grand Canal palazzo for a month of feasting, cavorting, and merry-making. This fresh take on Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, sees the team owner's sister, Dona Johnna, engage in a bitter act of revenge, as her previous attempts to throw the Italian Cup final were thwarted by young Claudio. While lovers Benedick and Beatrice lock heads in a witty war of words, young Claudio is tricked into believing his love, Hero, has cheated on him. Love steers Shakespeare's comedy, in all its different facets and glories - young love, friendship, love of family and community. BFA Acting and MFA Directing alumna Lois Anderson directs this production, combining delightful humour with explorations of the sometimes awkward, painful path love takes us on.

Cast:

Benedick Graydon Clark; **Beatrice** Daelyn Lester-Serafini; **Claudio** Matthew Rhodes; **Hero** Sophia Paskalidis; **Don Pedro** Rafael Ruiz; **Dona Johnna** Jodi Margit; **Dona Antonia** Drew Carlson; **Dona Leonata** Tebo Nzeku; **Post/Borachio/Friar Francis** Tomás Balli ; **Maid 2/Margaret/Sexton** Cassandra Bouchier; **Gondolier/Girl at Party/Nun/Verges** Hannah Everett; **Gondolier/Ursula/Conrade** Anni Ramsay; **Maid 1/Dogberry** Elizabeth Young.

Costume Design Erica Sterry; **Set Design** Jacqueline Gilchrist; **Lighting Design** Erika Champion; **Sound Design** Mai Inagaki; **Stage Manager** Amanda Parafina