







On behalf of all the faculty, students and staff of Theatre at UBC, I'm delighted to welcome you to the opening of our fabulous 2007-08 season--what we might call our Dream Season. Never before in the long history of playmaking at UBC, stretching back to the premiere of the Players' Club under Frederic Wood in 1915, have we offered so many productions in a single year. We're especially excited to be staging two of these shows in our wonderful new Dorothy Somerset Studio Theatre. Tonight, Dream along with us and Shakespeare's richest, funniest comedy.

Jerry Wasserman, Acting Head

Department of Theatre, Film & Creative Writing

# **THEATRE AT UBC** SEASON 2007–2008

### A Midsummer Night's Dream

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
SEPTEMBER 20 to 29, 2007
Frederic Wood Theatre

### The Rez Sisters

BY TOMSON HIGHWAY
NOVEMBER 15 to 24, 2007
Frederic Wood Theatre

### **Old Goriot**

BY HONORÉ DE BALZAC
ADAPTED AND DIRECTED BY JAMES FAGAN TAIT
MUSIC COMPOSED AND DIRECTED BY JOELYSA PANKANEA
In Association with Western Gold Theatre Company
and the PuSh International Performing Arts Festival
on the occasion of UBC's Centenary

JANUARY 17 to 26, 2008

TELUS Studio Theatre

### Hey, Girl!

BY ROMEO CASTELLUCCI
SOCIEATAS RAFFAELLO SANZIO
In Association with the PuSh International Performing Arts Festival
on the occasion of UBC's Centenary
JANUARY 23 to 26, 2008
Frederic Wood Theatre

### The Learned Ladies

BY MOLIÈRE TRANSLATED BY RICHARD WILBUR FEBRUARY 7 to 16, 2008 Frederic Wood Theatre

## A Dybbuk

ADAPTED BY TONY KUSHNER
MARCH 27 to APRIL 5, 2008
Frederic Wood Theatre

### - Futuristi

THE AVANT-GARDE THEATRE OF THE ITALIAN FUTURISTS OCTOBER 11 to 13, 2007
Frederic Wood Theatre

#### Death & Taxes

BY PATRICK GAUTHIER
OCTOBER 18 to 20, 2007
Dorothy Somerset Studio Theatre

### Shadows of Troy: Three Greek Dramas

ADAPTED BY JOHN BARTON AND KENNETH CAVENDAR OCTOBER 23 to 27, 2007 TELUS Studio Theatre

### - Coming Up For Air

BY GEORGE ORWELL, ADAPTED AND DIRECTED BY LESLIE MILDINER STARRING BERNARD CUFFLING

OCTOBER 31 to NOVEMBER 10, 2007

Dorothy Somerset Studio Theatre

### Die Fledermaus

BY JOHANN STRAUSS, THE UBC OPERA ENSEMBLE DIRECTED BY NANCY HERMISTON THE WEST COAST SYMPHONY CONDUCTED BY LES DALA

DECEMBER 13 to 16, 2007

Chan Centre for the Performing Arts

### Should've

BY ROALD HOFFMANN
MARCH 4 to 8, 2008
Frederic Wood Theatre

### The Dream Healer

MUSIC BY LLOYD BURRIT, ORIGINAL ADAPTATION AND LIBRETTO BY CHRISTOPHER ALLAN, REVISED LIBRETTO & ADDITIONAL MATERIAL BY DON MOWATT, DIRECTED BY NANCY HERMISTON Presented by the UBC Opera Ensemble with support from the UBC Department of Psychiatry and Institute of Mental Health on the occasion of UBC's Centenary

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Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, 8pm (March 2 - 3 p.m.)

PLUS! The Magnetic North Theatre Festival visits UBC in June 2008!

BOX OFFICE: 604.822.2678 www.theatre.ubc.ca

Unless noted otherwise, curtain at 7:30 p.m.

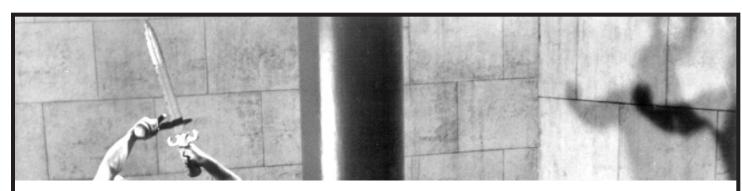






Written & Directed by Patrick Gauthier OCTOBER 18-20, 2007, 7:30pm DOROTHY SOMERSET STUDIO

Come to the Gala Opening Night Party, October 18th, marking the first production in the new Dorothy Somerset Studio Theatre.



# **Shadows of Troy**

Adapted by John Barton and Kenneth Cavendar OCTOBER 23 ~ 27, 7:30 p.m. TELUS STUDIO THEATRE

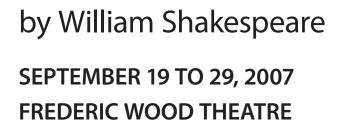
Iphigenia in Aulis by Euripides, Achilles from Home and Electra by Sophocles
Adapted for the Royal Shakespeare Compnay and performed by
the Theatre Program's intermediate BFA Acting Class under the direction of Tom Scholte
Tickets: 604-822-2678 (Reg: \$10 / Std: \$5)

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE, FILM AND CREATIVE WRITING

PRESENTS

# A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM



**Director:** 

Stephen Heatley

Set & Lighting Designer:

Lauchlin Johnston

**Costume Designer:** 

Jenifer Darbellay

**Original Songs &** 

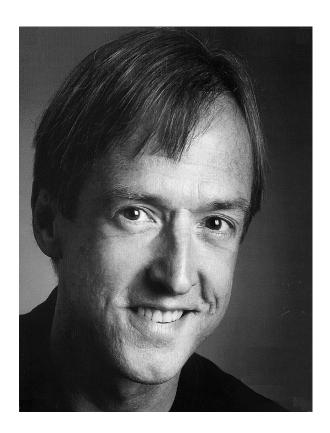
Sound Designer:

Patrick Pennefather





# **Director's Notes by Stephen Heatley**



This play is arguably Shakespeare's most produced and best-loved comedy. If you are a regular theatre-goer and have seen a few of Shakespeare's plays, you are likely to have seen A MIDSUM-MER NIGHT'S DREAM before, perhaps several times. It makes sense. The play is accessible, has a compelling storyline and is full of charm... and charms. The first time I had any contact with the play was as a first year theatre student, seeing a group of traveling actors who did a program of theatrical excerpts from famous plays. They included the "Piramus and Thisbe" extract from Act V of DREAM. I thought it was one of the funniest things I had ever seen.

We have decided to include DREAM as the opening production of the Theatre at UBC season for lots of reasons. It provides wonderful design, production and acting challenges for theatre students and it is a great play to put on the curriculum of many English and Theatre courses. The reason I wanted to direct is because I had a hunch about it.

I thought there were parts of this delightful comedy that were scarier and more cruel than the way they were portrayed in other productions of the play I have seen (including a production I directed fourteen years ago). There are elements of the play's structure that I didn't understand but was fascinated by. These are good reasons, as far as I am concerned, to tackle a play, particularly in a university setting. The entire company has dug into these textual questions with energy and enthusiasm and I am grateful for everyone's contribution in the search for answers. I hope our search provides an engaging evening in the theatre for you.

You will notice that we have mixed up the casting in regards to gender. In Shakespeare's time (late 16th, early 17th centuries), the cultural reality disallowed women from performing on London stages. The characters were all performed by men and boys in Shakespeare's company. Although Shakespeare wrote extraordinarily rich and nuanced female characters, he just didn't write very many of them. As it comes down to us in the 21st century, our cultural reality is such that there are never enough good roles for women to play in classical theatre. So, we have decided in our production to address the difference in these cultural realities by mixing up the casting pool. All the characters remain the same sex as Shakespeare wrote them. We have just introduced our own rules around the sex of the actor playing each role. Actors are actors and the challenge for anyone playing a role is to find a way to empathize with their character and present that person as faithfully as possible. We have just added the challenge for some of our actors that they have to empathize with and present a character of the opposite sex. In this way, we have rebalanced the issue of "not enough roles for women" and given everyone in this talented graduating class something challenging to do.

Although it is already September, I hope you enjoy A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

Stephen Heatley

### What's on in Vancouver



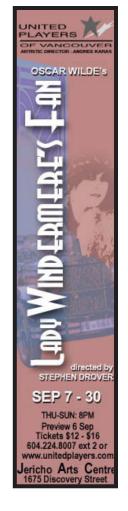




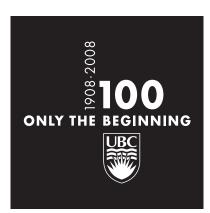












# **UBC Centenary 1908-2008**

### **UBC Centenary - It's Yours to celebrate!**

In 2008 UBC will celebrate its100th Anniversary... a century of outstanding academic and community achievement. The Centenary represents an exciting opportunity to spotlight the accomplishments of UBC and the hundreds of thousands of graduates, many of whom have achieved prominence in their fields, including the world of professional theatre, creative writing and film.

Come celebrate **UBC style** with a year of diverse events.

Some event highlights include:

### **February**

Treasures of the Tsimshian Opening Museum of Anthropology

#### March

*The Dream Healer Opera* - World Premiere Chan Centre for Performing Arts

Celebrate Research Week
Various locations
Gala held at Chan Centre for Performing Arts

Michael Smith Memorial Nobel Lecture
Professor Muhammad Yunus – 2006 Nobel Laureate
Economics
Chan Centre for Performing Arts

### April

UBC /Laurier Multiculturalism Lecture Chan Centre for Performing Arts

Museum of Anthropology
Global Dialogue on Repatriation
With author Colonel Matthew Bogdanos
(Thieves of Baghdad)
UBC Robson Square

### May

Alumni Weekend

#### June

Edward Curtis's landmark 1914 silent film of Northwest Native Culture -- restored, reevaluated, and brought to life by descendents of the original Native cast and a live chamber orchestra Chan Centre for the Performing Arts

### September

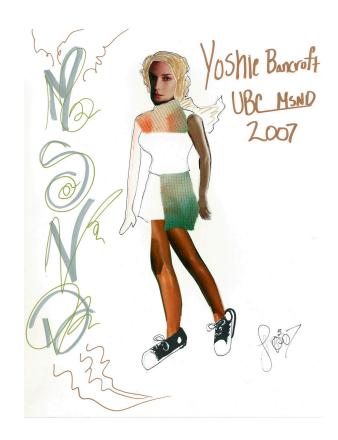
Centenary Gala with Ben Heppner CBC Radio Orchestra and University Singers Chan Centre for the Performing Arts

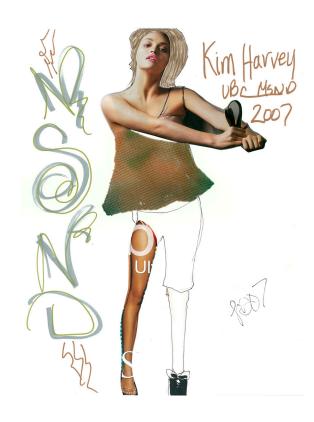
### October

Massey Lecture
With Wade Davis – Explorer in Residence
National Geographic
Chan Centre for the Performing Arts

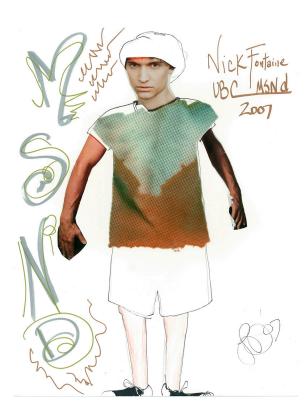
E-newsletter: To sign up for the events e-newsletter please email: admin@communityaffairs.ubc.ca Centenary website will launch in Nov 07. Preliminary information available @ www.communityaffairs.ubc.ca/centenary.html

# **Costume Renderings by Jenifer Darbellay**









THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE, FILM AND CREATIVE WRITING PRESENTS

# A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

**Stephen Heatley** Director

**Set & Lighting Designer Lauchlin Johnston** 

> **Costume Designer** Jenifer Darbellay

Original Songs & Sound Designer **Patrick Pennefather** 

### Cast

Sarah Afful Puck **Shaun Aquiline** Demetrius **Spencer Atkinson** Starveling, Philostrate, Peaseblossom **Yoshie Bancroft** Peter Ouince, Moth **Hilary Fillier** Titania, Theseus **Nick Fontaine** Francis Flute, Mustardseed & 1st Fairy Maura Halloran Helena **Kim Harvey Nick Bottom Kate Hilderman** Lysander **Aslam Husain** Hermia **Courtney Lancaster** Snug, Egeus Oberon, Hippolyta **Gord Myren Cecile Roslin** 

> The performance is approximately 160 minutes long. There is one 15 minute intermission.

Snout, Cobweb

The use of cameras or any other recording device is prohibited in the theatre. In consideration of others, please turn off all pagers and cellular telephones.

### **Production**

Jay Henrickson **Production Manager Technical Supervisor** Don Griffiths **Set & Lighting Design Advisor** Ron Fedoruk **Costume Design Advisor** Alison Green **Assistant Sound Designer** Cristina Istrate **Assistant Director & Text Coach** Elizabeth McLaughlin Assistant to Set and Lighting Designer James Chen, Jason Ho

**Voice Coach & Dialect Coach** Gayle Murphy **Movement Coach** Catherine Burnett

Stage Manager Julian Darius

**Assistant Stage Managers** Benjamin Cheung, Michelle Ha

**Stage Management Advisor** Robert Eberle **Costume Supervisor** Jean Driscoll-Bell

> **Properties Supervisors** Janet Bickford, Lynn Burton

**Production Crew Advisor** Jayson McLean **Props Head** Novem Fung **Props Crew** Jessica Erickson

**Lighting Head** Daniel Jang **Lighting Operator** James Chen **Sound Operator** Ben Feagin

**Stage Carpenters** Jim Fergusson, Don Griffiths

**Scenic Artist Lorraine West Scenic Painters** Sally Song

> Jesse Jeffery, Steph Meine, Matt Parsons Dresser

**Makeup Artist** Jill Wyness

**Makeup & Dresser** Rachel Glass, Yulin Hswen

> Stage Crew James Foy, Emily Hartig, Jason Ho, Emily Keller, Jin Qin

**Poster Design** Harry Bardal Design **Program Design** Nina & Harry van der Woude

Web Design Linda Fenton Malloy

Front of House Staff Eurassia Adamson, Marijka Brusse, Carmen Alatorre

## **Theatre at UBC Administration**

**Acting Head, Theatre, Film and Creative Writing** Jerry Wasserman

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**Theatre Program Administrator** Gerald John van der Woude Manager, Technical Production Jay Henrickson

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Karen Tong Carol Lai

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