

2021 SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

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BELL SHAKESPEARE

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

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Shakespeare's classic comedy, A Midsummer Night's Dream, is reawakened in this breathless production brimming with magic, mirth and mayhem.

Love is in the air in Athens – and it's contagious. Besides the royal wedding, which is just days away, there are young lovers dreaming of enchanted futures together. Hermia and Lysander are besotted with one another, while Helena adores Demetrius. The only snag is that Demetrius loves Hermia - and he's got Hermia's father on his side. So, nobody is happy. (Shakespeare wasn't kidding when he said the course of true love never ran smooth.)

This production is quick as a shadow. Fast, funny and family-friendly, this is A Midsummer Night's Dream reimagined.

SHOW DETAILS

- Term 3, Week 9
- Thursday, 9 September - 7.30pm
- 120 minutes, 20 min interval
- Ages 12 years +

PRICES

Student \$22
Friend / MECC Member \$38
Concession \$38
Adult \$42

For every 10 students you will receive 1 complimentary teachers' ticket, every teacher above this threshold will be charged at \$22 each.

SUBJECT LINKS

English:

- > Reflective response to literature.
- > The study of how literary texts draw from historical, social and cultural contexts.
- > The effect of persuasive language in spoken oratory.

Drama:

- > The study of Shakespeare.
- > Shakespeare in modern context.
- > Study of dramatic elements.

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EXTRA LEARNING OPPORTUNITES WORKSHOPS

Regional Access Workshops

The *A Midsummer Night's Dream* Regional Access Workshops (RAW) provide invaluable opportunities for students in regional areas to learn more about Shakespeare, live performance and the production they are about to see.

How do they work?

Regional Access Workshops are presented by a Bell Shakespeare Teaching Artist about a month in advance of the performance. Teachers who book tickets to see the show can access the workshops at no charge to the school.

JOHN BELL SCHOLARSHIP

The John Bell Scholarship is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students living in regional or remote areas, who are interested in a career as a performer. Three students are selected each year from across Australia to come to Sydney and spend a week with Bell Shakespeare. They will participate in acting masterclasses, be taught by John Bell, observe one week of Bell Shakespeare rehearsals, see live theatre and perform their winning monologue for Artistic Director Peter Evans and a Bell Shakespeare cast.

How do they work?

Auditions take the form of 15 minute one-on-one masterclasses with a Bell Shakespeare artist. To be eligible to audition, students must be at least 16 years of age by 31 December 2021, and still be at high school full time in 2021. Auditioning students must complete a registration form, to be handed to the Teaching Artist at their audition.

How to prepare!

Each student must perform a 1-2 minute monologue from the suggested monologue list provided by Bell Shakespeare or a monologue of their choice from any Shakespeare play. Please note, selecting from Bell Shakespeare's suggested list will not affect the success of the students' audition. The suggested list is designed to make the selection of

appropriate monologues a simpler process for students. Students may perform from either list, regardless of character gender.

When are the workshops and scholarships auditions being held?

There will be two workshop opportunities available to be booked. One will be held on school grounds and the other will be held at the MECC. The date for both the workshops and auditions is Monday 2 August between 9am to 6pm. You will find out your exact time slot closer to the date once they lock in the timetable for the day.

USEFUL LINKS

> <https://www.bellshakespeare.com.au/>

> <https://www.bellshakespeare.com.au/whats-on/learning-opportunities/john-bell-scholarship/>

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