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Aquila Theatre Returns with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

SAN LUIS OBISPO – William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is a timeless comedy that has delighted audiences for centuries. And the Aquila Theatre Company – whom the *New York Times* refers to as "a classically trained, modernly hip troupe" – has been delighting Cal Poly Arts audiences with several past season touring productions, such as *Twelfth Night* and *Cyrano de Bergerac*.

On Thursday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alex & Faye Spanos Theatre, Cal Poly Arts presents Aquila Theatre's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* – an imaginative interpretation that renews the magic of Shakespeare's farcical plot.

Aquila was praised again by *The New York Times*, who called their version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*: "Timely and pleasing...this *Dream* soothes the eye and tickles the funny bone."

Set against a classical Athenian backdrop, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* deals with the universal theme of love and its attendant complications: passion, lust, frustration, depression, confusion, and, of course, marriage. Aquila weaves a web of theatrical magic that will take an audience to the heart of an enchanted forest, the injustice of the Athenian court, and the political strife of the fairy kingdom.

The plot focuses on the trials and experiences of two sets of lovers – the Fairy King and Queen and their servants, and a group of rude mechanicals attempting to stage a production of *Pyramus and Thisbe* for the wedding of the Duke of Athens. At the heart of the story is the Fairy King's servant – the impish Puck – whose magic creates an endless supply of mirth, mistaken identity, and inappropriate, if not absolutely ludicrous, passions.

Aquila's comedic mastery, physical ensemble techniques, and proven successes with their critically-acclaimed productions of Shakespeare promise that this will be a *Dream* audiences won't soon forget.

Patrons are invited to attend a free pre-concert lecture presented by a member of the Aquila Theatre Company 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Philips Recital Hall.

Student and adult tickets for the performance are \$29 and \$36 respectively and may be purchased at the Performing Arts

Center Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

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