Cal Lutheran Theatre Arts and Dance Department Presents

A MIDSEMESTER PROM NIGHT'S DREAM

(A rock 'n' roll parody of A Midsummer Night's Dream)
Written & Directed by Ken Gardner

Featuring the live rock band 90's Nation

April 28, 29, 30 at 8pm | May 1st at 2pm

CLU's Preus-Brandt Forum

Musical story set in April of 1999 at Millennium Oaks High School’s “Midsummer Night’s Dream” themed Prom Night.
COVID-19 Regulations

Proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 PCR test within 72 hours of the event is required for non-CLU IDs. A photo ID matching the vaccination record or negative test is required.

CLU Students must show they are cleared on Daily Health Check. **Masks are required at all times.**

*This production was rehearsed in masks and in compliance with CLU COVID-19 protocols. All unmasked performers have been tested and cleared within 72 hours of performance.*
Note from Director, Ken Gardner

A Midsemester Prom Night’s Dream is a musical parody of Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream. The show started out as a 40 minute one-act version for the Kingsmen Educational Tour which performed in numerous Conejo Valley elementary schools. Driven by a desire to do a musical this year on one-fifth of our normal budget, I decided to expand the show into a full-length musical. I shared this idea with Ron DiBuccio of the popular band, 90’s Nation, that performs all over LA and Ventura Counties. Ron was on board right away. This is the fourth CLU collaboration between Ron and myself. I wrote parody lyrics to popular 90’s songs from their extensive playlist and arrived at the current incarnation of the show.

Ken Gardner (Writer, Director) has written 14 other shows produced on the CLU stage including Ohio (based on the Kent State incident,) Invasion of the Baudi Snatchers (a sci-fi musical) and Generations (developed with University Village residents.) He was a script analyst at Disney Studios and won an Excellence in Teaching Award from the Kennedy Center.
Cast List

In order or appearance

Abby Cardenas..........................Helen
Stone Sharp............................Donnie
Olivia Zonni............................Mia
Sacaiah Shaw...........................Zander
Joey Grimaldi..........................Mic Bottom
Emmalee Villafana......................Snout
Bianca Akbiyik.........................Franny Flute
Julia Raszka............................Robby Starveling
Lindsey Weller........................Snug
Savannah Simpson......................Ms. Anya
Riley Thompson.........................Mustard Seed
Kate Stelzer............................Peach Blossom
Reed Sharp.............................Mr. Oberoff
Katie Dingle...........................Robin Goodfellow

Musical Accompaniment by: 90's Nation

Ron DiBuccio..............................Bass
Mat Diaz..................................Drums
Mark Castrillon.........................Guitar
Song List

In order of performance

1. Story of a Girl by Nine Days
2. Alive (parody of “Drive” by Incubus)
3. Prom Star (parody of “All Star” by Smash Mouth)
4. Wonder Struck (parody of “Thunder Struck” by AC/DC)
5. Fie on Thee (parody of “Lie to Me” by Jonny Lang)
6. Shakespearean Idiom (parody of “American Idiot” by Green Day)
8. Sudden Fall (parody of “Wonderwall” by Oasis)
9. Learn to Transmogrify (parody of “Learn to Fly” by Foo Fighters)
10. Wannathree (parody of “Wannabe” by The Spice Girls)
11. Backstage's Back: Rock the Bard Man (parody of “Everybody” by The Backstreet Boys)
12. Believe by Cher
ABBY CARDENAS  
Abby Cardenas is a sophomore majoring in Criminology/Criminal Justice and Theatre Arts with an emphasis in performance. Abby started theatre in middle school with her first show being Oliver! where she played the Artful Dodger. From there, Abby has continued doing theatre and hopes to make a career in film. Abby enjoys singing, acting, hanging out with her friends, playing with her dogs, and video gaming. Abby would like to thank the cast and crew for their hard work and her wonderful supportive family and boyfriend!

STONE SHARP  
Stone Kanon Sharp is a VAPA Theatre student studying Film who is thrilled to be playing Donnie. You may have recently seen him as The Fire Captain (Bald Soprano), Patrick (Dancing Blind), and as the Duke of Albany (Lear), plus starring in several short films. Prior to CLU, Stone prepared for CLU by studying at the Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts including more favorite roles Frederick (Noises Off) and Glenn Cooper (Rumors). Stone would like to thank Ken and Michael, his little brother Reed (CLU 2025), his parents, along with his departmental peers for a fantastic senior year! Woo!

OLIVIA ZONNI  
Olivia Zonni is a Third-Year student at California Lutheran University. She most recently portrayed Cosette in Les Miserables through Rubicon Theater Company and one of her favorite roles was Beth in Little Women. Some of the roles and shows she has participated in through Cal Lutheran are Queen Isabella in Fuenteovejuna, Cathy in The Last Five Years, Sara in Theory of Relativity, and now Mia (Hermia) in A Midsummer Night’s Dream. Olivia enjoyed working with this talented cast and crew, is grateful for the opportunity, and is thankful for the tremendous support of her family and friends.

SACAIAH SHAW  
Sacaiah Shaw, 20 year old Los Angeles based actor, VAPA student and Theatre Arts major at Cal Lutheran. Sacaiah has done theatre for years and loves music and singing as well. He performed in Cal Lu’s Fuenteovejuna, King Lear, and Theory of Relativity. He also appears in Carl Weber’s “The Family Business” and Metanoia.
JOEY GRIMALDI

As an actor who loves playing big characters, Joey is definitely excited to play Mic Bottom in this production. He has worked in the field of voiceover and enjoys putting his voice to use whether it be singing or anything else that is fun or absurd. He has appeared in previous Cal Lu productions and is excited to add this to his list of experiences.

EMMALEE VILLAFÁÑA

Emmalee Villafañá is a senior here at CLU and is a Theatre major, with a musical theatre emphasis and a dance minor. She has been involved with many productions, starring in The Pirate Queen and Fuenteovejuna. She would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her at every show and for supporting her dreams. Emmalee wishes to become a broadway actress in the future. This is her last show antCLU, and she hopes you enjoy it!

BIANCA AKBIYIK

Bianca is currently a senior studying Theatre and Communications. This is her final performance at CLU and although it’s bittersweet, she is excited to share this fun show with everyone. Recently, she directed “The Day He Died” for the 10-Minute Play Festival and performed as Beth Powell in John Proctor is the Villain as well as Olive Allison in The Women of Lockerbie. She thanks her family and friends for all of their love and support over the past 4 years.

JULIA RASZKA

Julia Raszka is a freshman, majoring in Theater Arts and Music Production at California Lutheran University. She has been involved in the Theater for over 8 years now and has played the lead part in musicals like SOS and Happy People. She graduated from Ludomir Rozycki’s Public Music School in Gliwice, Poland, and Kathleen Ann Thompson’s Christian School for Movement Theater in Wisla, Poland. She is now pursuing her dream of becoming an actress in California. Julia is very grateful for the many opportunities provided by her faculty and her friends.
LINDSEY WELLER

Lindsey Weller is a current 2nd year and this will be her fifth production at CLU. Lindsey is a musical theatre major and has been involved as the worship leader at the student led worship services “Common Ground and Lord of Life.” Lindsey is grateful for her role as Sam Snug and has been enjoying performing alongside her friends.

SAVANNAH SIMPSON

This will be Savannah’s fourth production at CLU (Shelby, John Proctor is the Villain; Renee, 10 Minute Play Festival: It Rains There; Woman, The Women of Lockerbie). Other favorite roles include Olga in Three Sisters (Moorpark College), Prince Escalus in Romeo & Juliet (Moorpark College), and Kate in Juice-Boxes, an original play by Arianna Burrell (Moorpark College). Savannah is in her second year at CLU majoring in Theatre Performance and minoring in Film/Television & Creative Writing. Her passions include writing, directing, and performing, as well as collaborating on original experimental theatre and multimedia projects. She would like to give special thanks to Jeffrey Meek, John Loprieno, & Barbara Wegner-Thompson for their support and guidance throughout her artistic journey and to dedicate her performance to the beloved memory of Tony Kramer.

RILEY THOMPSON

Riley is from Bakersfield, CA and is a first year student at Cal Lutheran University. She is majoring in Theater Arts with an emphasis in Musical Theater and a minor in dance. You may have seen her in the fall dance concert Forward Motion and Apostle Productions’ The Missing Piece. She is excited to make her mainstage debut and is looking forward to future projects with CLU.

KATE STELZER

Kate Stelzer, who plays the role of Peach Blossom, is extremely proud to be joining the cast of A Midsemester Prom Night’s Dream in her debut performance at Cal Lutheran University. Kate has acted in previous productions with the Town Hall Theatre Company located in her hometown of Lafayette, CA. She is a sophomore and is majoring in Marketing Communications. Kate would like to thank her parents for their constant love and support.
REED SHARP

Reed H. Sharp has grown up performing and is honored to be a Freshman playing Oberoff. Recent roles include: performing “Foxy Lady”, “Sweet Caroline”, “I am the Greatest”, and the “King of Hearts” (Alice) at the HB Academy for the Performing Arts. Immersing himself in a role helps him with his passion which is directing and screenwriting. He has worked on feature films/TV including The Knights of Swing, and Just Noise. He just finished writing his first feature film. Reed is grateful to God, his parents, his brother Stone (CLU ’22), Ken Gardner, the entire cast/crew, and other friends for their support.

KATIE DINGLE

~Greetings mortals~ I’m Katie Dingle. I am a third year undergrad and a music production major. I’ve played a few different roles in musicals, ranging from Beauty and the Beast to Hair, but this is my first college musical. I’m honestly so proud to get to be here and I hope you’re excited to see the show!
Design and Technical Team

Ken Gardner..........................Director
Nikki Alday..........................Asst. Director
Andrea Heilman.....................Production Manager/ Scenic Designer
Josh Clabaugh.......................Technical Director
Liz Murphy..........................Lighting Designer
Brooke Kesler.......................Costume Designer
Joshua Finkel.......................Musical Director
Moriah Sittner......................Choreographer
Grace Aguirre.......................Props Head
Grace Phenicie......................Costume Asst.
Kim Foster..........................Costume Asst.
Jennie White.......................Stage Manager
Rylee Smith.........................Asst. Stage Manager
Kira Daehlin.......................Asst. Stage Manager
Brayden Galante....................Asst. Stage Manager
Alexandria Reynoso..............Asst. Scenic Designer
Xavier Reynoso....................Asst. Scenic Designer
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