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**Tacoma Arts Live's Regional Theater Production**  
**A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**  
**Shakespeare's Beloved Romantic Comedy Reimagined in Hawaii**  
**Ten Shows at Tacoma Armory | August 17 – September 3**

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**CULTURAL CONSULTANTS:** [Asia Pacific Cultural Center](#)

**TACOMA, WASH.**— Tacoma Arts Live's Regional Theater production of Shakespeare's [A Midsummer Night's Dream](#) features an ensemble cast and five interconnecting stories that follow four lovers, six actors, and a host of mischievous fairies who find themselves entangled in intrigue prior to a royal wedding ceremony. Director Deanna Martinez reinvents this whimsical romantic comedy by rooting it in a celebration of Boricua-Hawaiiana culture. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* opens with a preview night on Thursday, August 17 at 8:00 p.m. followed by nine performances August 18 – September 3 at Tacoma Armory. Tickets are \$45 and are [on sale now](#).

**Performance Schedule:**

Preview Night: Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, August 18, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, August 25, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 26, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, September 1, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 2, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 3, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.\*

*\*This performance will be ASL interpreted*

All performances will be at [Tacoma Armory](#).

The cast will perform within custom digital projections of Hawaiian gardens and landscapes created by [flora&faunavisions](#), the designers behind [Utopian Garden](#).

"When presented with the phrase 'Utopian Garden,' my utopian garden is an amalgamation of the garden islands of my people: Puerto Rico and Hawaii, with all of the vegetation, food, music, dance, and mythology that comes with it!" says Martinez, noting the inspiration for the show.

This is a style of 'Shakespeare in the Park... at Tacoma Armory.' Guests are invited to wear aloha shirts and hakus (flower crowns), and bring beach towels, lauhala mats, pillows, and low-profile beach chairs to make themselves comfortable on the floor. Guests can also be seated in provided standard chairs; please indicate seating preference when reserving tickets.

**Cast**

*The Royals*

Theseus, Oberon – Jesimiel Jenkins

Philostrate, Puck – Jessica Robins

Hippolyta, Titania – Samantha Chung

*The Faeries/Mechanicals*

Egeus, Quince – Thomas Clatterbuck  
Bottom – Travis Tingvall  
Flute, Cobweb – Richard Cubi  
Snout, First Fairy, Peaseblossom – Cori DeVerse  
Snug, Second Fairy, Moth – Malia Silva  
Starveling, Mustardseed – Andrey Pro

*The “Lovers”*

Helena – Tessa Brennan  
Hermia – Hana Hahn  
Lysander – Rodman Bolek  
Demetrius – Roycen Daley

**Production Team**

Director: Deanna Martinez  
Stage Manager: Autumn Reinmuth  
Assistant Stage Manager: Ayu Uematsu  
Projection Designer: Paul Niederfiniger, Milena Mayer, Julian Kincses  
Cultural Costuming and Movement Consultant: Kanoe Galiza  
Costume Designer: Alyssa Gries  
Costume Assistant: Lillie Steele  
Lighting Designer: Olivia Burlingame  
Sound Designer: Don Littrell  
Set and Platform Designer: Brett Carr  
Props Designer: Kelly Zeiler Lynch  
Intimacy Choreographer: Zacharee Simms  
DEIA Liaison: Eric Clausell  
ASL Coach: Kai Winchester  
Concept, Design & Production of all projections: flora&faunavisions  
Ambient Sound Design: flora&faunavisions  
Programming: wirmachenbunt

All stage work on this production is performed by employees represented by IATSE, Local #15.

*A Midsummer Night's Dream* is multisensory and contains some heightened sound elements, flashing lights, and stroboscopic moments using video projection and lighting technologies.

Tacoma Arts Live's Regional Theater builds community through a season of live, professional theater. We believe in the intrinsic value of creativity and pay all artists for their services. This allows us to attract some of the Pacific Northwest's best talent to create performances that include and honor all cultures. Our work aspires to refresh audiences by connecting them to a sense of empathy, challenging their complacency, and inspiring them to live with joy and thoughtful inquiry.

Tickets to [A Midsummer Night's Dream](#) are \$45 and are on sale now. To purchase tickets, call Tacoma Arts Live Box Office at 253.346.1721, visit Tacoma Armory in person at 1001 S Yakima Ave., or online at [TacomaArtsLive.org](https://TacomaArtsLive.org).

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