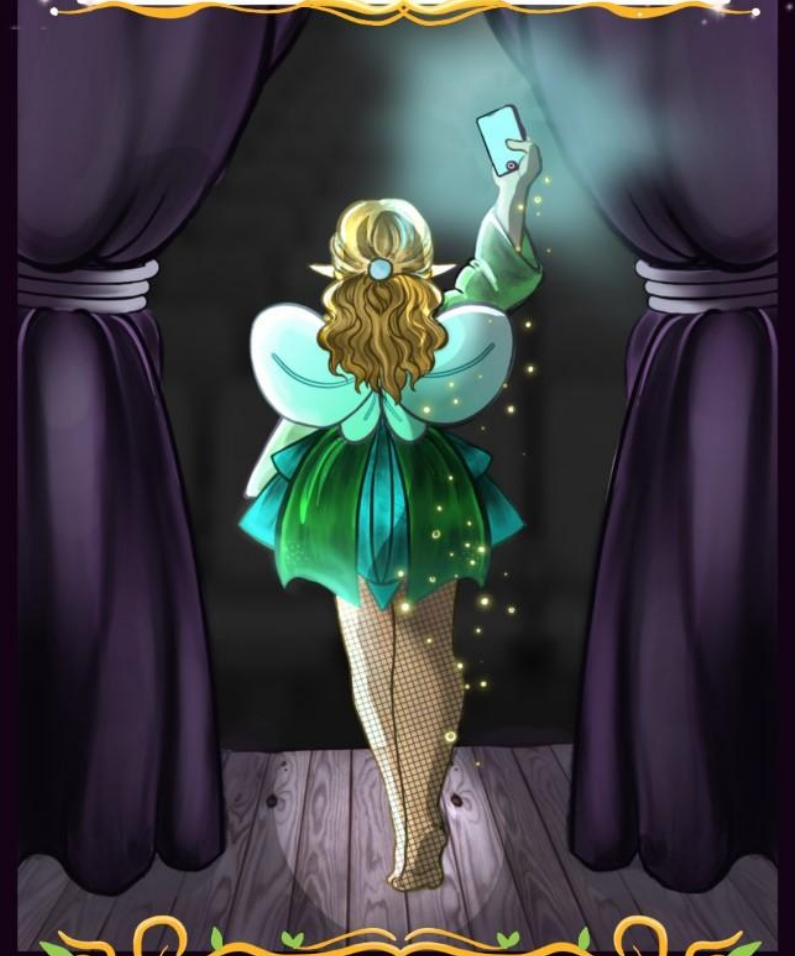


# *Midsummer, Again*

*By: Anthony Westcott & Mark Abbott*



*World premier*  
*April 20 - 22*  
*At 7:00pm*



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## WRITER'S NOTE

Throughout my career as an English teacher, I've always enjoyed challenging students to modernize parts of Shakespeare plays we read in class. When updating the plots, they get to see how the themes, situations, and characters transcend time and place, leading them to deeper understandings of the works. And one lovely day by a Cape Cod beach in the spring of 2016, left with a few hours to spare while my wife was running a marathon, the idea came to me to write a musical modernization of one myself, specifically for high school productions. Not only would it provide an excuse to indulge a personal passion – writing songs – but perhaps also help students connect with plays that don't always feel approachable.

Next, I thought of Mark Abbott, my old high school band mate and songwriting partner, who I always find inspiring and fun to work with. Although our approaches and styles often differ, we have a shared reverence for Shakespeare, pop songs, and immature jokes.

The first draft was a close rewrite of "Much Ado About Nothing." As we went through multiple revisions, though, a funny thing happened. Our characters evolved from pale retreads of Shakespeare's originals, developing distinct personalities. Shakespeare's Ursula, kind of a nothing character in the original, became Alyssa, the cynical best friend reluctantly, but brilliantly, adapting to a new social scene. John went from a one-dimensional villain to a confused teenager who does something stupid, but relatable. Our challenge, and joy, was composing songs to help each character tell their story.

Mark and I would like to thank our families not only for their support but their direct involvement with this production. Also, a huge thank you to The Campbell Theater Boosters, who have been enthusiastic supporters of realizing this venture from day one. Finally, even when this show goes on to be performed by thousands of high schools and Disney begs us to make a movie version, we will always fondly remember and be indebted to the delightful cast and crew of this worldwide debut. Thank you all for bringing our words to life.

*-Anthony Westcott  
Co-Writer*

*The Cast Of*  
*Midsummer, Again*

**DIRECTOR:** Terry Gabbard  
**WRITERS:** Anthony Westcott and Mark T. Abbott  
**VOCAL COACH:** Hannah Ricci-Westcott  
**TECHNICAL DIRECTOR:** Terry Gabbard  
**CHOREOGRAPHER:** Kiera Smith

• • • • • *Starring* • • • • •

MISS LEONARD ..... Lia VOKHIWA  
Peter ..... NILES TORRANCE  
Benjamin ..... Owen RICCI-WESTCOTT  
Beatrice ..... RORY GALLAGHER  
CALEB ..... FINLEY YOUNG  
RORY ..... VIOLET THAISS  
ALYSSA ..... REAGAN MARVEL  
Connie ..... ADDISON ROSEN  
MORGAN ..... E. VALENCIA  
BRANDON ..... HOLDEN THOMAS  
JOHN ..... RYAN GABBARD  
ENSEMBLE ..... NOAH ADKINS, VIOLET BRAGG,  
MADDOX CARTER, ADAM EADES,  
KATIE HIGH, SAHANA KUMARAVELU,  
PEYTON MOORE, ALEXIS OVERTON,  
MIMI PARRISH, LILA RATHBONE,  
BEN SCOTT, ABIGAIL ZYCH



*Tech Crew*

**Stage Manager:** Julia Overton  
**Assistant Stage Manager:** Lariyla Majolagbe  
**Sound Design:** Abigail Streger and Haily Shah  
**Lighting Design:** Krystian Tarver  
**Light Operator:** Kat Jones  
**Follow Spots:** Krystian Tarver and Fiona McDermott  
**Costume Manager:** Mimi Parrish  
**Head of House:** Blair Berenson  
**Set Master:** Kayli Grimes  
**Build Crew:** Brittany Boothe, Rena Caitlin, Kayli Grimes, Katriel Jones, Fiona McDermott, Morgan McLean, Matt Matthews, Sabien Williams, Ariana Mirsalimi, Xavier Platz  
**Program by:** Reagan Marvel  
**Poster by:** Matt Matthews  
**Additional Technical Support provided by Mrs. Williams 4th Block Tech Theatre Class and Mr. Gabbard's 1st Block Tech Theatre Class**

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**DIRECTOR'S Note**

*Doing something new can be scary and this year has come with a lot of "news" for me. When I accepted the job at CHS I didn't know that I would be embarking on one of the most unique challenges of my directing career. Helming the ship of a new musical has been quite a ride. When working on Midsummer, Again I had no guide, no YouTube clips, no Broadway cast recording, no fellow director to call up. It was just us, figuring it out as we went along. I'm thankful to have had Kiera (new to choreographing a high school musical), Hannah (new to music directing a high school musical) and Tony (new to composing a high school musical) by my side the entire time. We all learned so much and were incredibly brave...most of the time.*

*I would like to thank my wife Erika for her tireless support, The Campbell Theatre Boosters, our incredible cast and crew, and everyone who helped make this show possible. Thank you Tony and Mark for entrusting me with this opportunity. I hope you all enjoy the world premiere of Midsummer, Again!*

*-Terry Gabbard  
Director*



# Musical Numbers

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## ACT 1

MIDSUMMER AGAIN ..... COMPANY  
 JOHN'S LAMENT ..... JOHN  
 FLOAT ON THE RIPTIDE ..... RORY, BEATRICE, ALYSSA,  
 GIRLS' ENSEMBLE  
 MASTER PLAN ..... PETER AND COMPANY  
 THE LADY DOTH PROTEST TOO MUCH ..... BENJAMIN  
 LOVE NEVER DO RUN RIGHT. .... BRANDON, MORGAN

## Intermission

## ACT 2

THE STAGE IS AMAZING ..... ENSEMBLE  
 POOR BEN ..... ALYSSA AND CONNIE  
 NOT THAT I EVER WOULD ..... BEATRICE  
 BEN'S BAD LOVE SONG ..... BENJAMIN  
 TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE ..... CALEB  
 MISS LEONARD'S LAMENT ..... MISS LEONARD  
 STOP YOUR MOUTH .... BENJAMIN, BEATRICE, COMPANY  
 OPENING NIGHT ..... COMPANY



This is *Noah Adkin's* 5th production at Campbell High School. He is very excited to be performing in the world premiere of an amazing musical.



*Blair Berenson* has done many theatrical productions, including multiple with Campbell. He is the head of the sketch comedy club, an improv captain, and played Professor Plum in CLUE. He is very grateful for his director, cast, crew, friends, and family for all of their support.



*Violet Bragg* is a sophomore playing an ensemble member. She is very excited to participate in another CHS production. She enjoys performing, playing guitar and making food. Violet would love to thank her family, friends, teachers and fellow cast/crew members for helping her become who she is today.



*Maddox Carter* plays a happy-go-lucky character who is energetic and always makes sure to have a positive attitude. He loves to draw and paint.



*Adam Eades* is the "King of side characters" for his many roles as background characters. For example, the Narrator from Beauty and the Beast, Mr. Boddy from Clue, and Polynices from Antigone. He is proud to be in this production of Midsummer, Again with some of his favorite people who are doing their last show. He is currently a junior at Campbell.



*Ryan Gabbard*







*Abigail, you have grown to be an amazing young woman! Since you were born, we knew you would change our world and you have done just that. We are so proud of how you have grown and know you will continue to shine and grow! We love you so very much!*



*Rory Gallagher* has been involved with theater and performing ever since she was a little girl; she has been in 3 shows at Campbell. *Midsummer, Again* will be her last show as a senior. Rory is thankful for the Campbell theater program and loves the community surrounding it. She'd like to thank the cast and crew of the show for all their support and hard work. And she hopes you enjoy the show!



*Katie High* starred in every play in elementary school, but this is her first play since then. She's already decided she's going to take this into her professional career.



This is *Sahana Kumaravelu's* second Campbell production. You may remember her from Putnam County Spelling Bee as the Emo kid in ensemble (Nat). She worked really hard for this show, especially during exam season ; ) She hopes you enjoy the lovely beats and tunes in this musical as much as she does.

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*Reagan Marvel* is a sophomore at Campbell High School. After her first production playing Yvette in Clue, she has been in every performance and involves herself in theatre any chance she gets. She would like to thank her friends and family for always offering their support, and she hopes you enjoy the show!



*Peyton Moore* is a 9th grader in the magnet program who likes to write (she is working on making a children's book). She plays a character who is a clumsy goofball who likes making people laugh. Her character especially likes making Peter react to her pranks.



*Alexis Overton* is a senior at Campbell High School. You may remember her as a chorus member in Antigone and team member of the Lavender Legends for the Improv Olympics. She would like to thank her family for all their support and the cast and crew for all their hard work. Enjoy the show!



*Julia Overton* is a Sophomore at CHS. She is most known for stage managing Antigone and assistant directing 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, along with other shows in the previous year. She would like to thank the Cast and Crew for the continuous support and effort!



*Mimi Parrish* is a freshman at Campbell. Having been in every show this year, and worked on costume design for both the one act play and this show, she would like everyone to remember the complexity of each character and how costuming can really set the scene in a performance. She would like to thank everyone for their support and hopes you enjoy the show.



*Congratulations Ryan on an amazing year.  
We are so proud of you!*

*- Love Mom, Dad, and Kiera*





*Addison, we are so excited to see you in this once in a lifetime World Premiere! Proud does not begin to describe how we feel. You work so hard in all that you do! Friends and family have come far and wide to see you shine on that stage. Break-a-leg sweetheart!!! Love you to the moon!*

*- From Mom, Dad, and Annabelle*

*Alexis and Julia - We are so proud of you! We love having a front-row seat to see you do your thing. Break a leg!*

*Love,  
Mom and  
Dad*



*This above all: to thine own self, be true.*

*- William Shakespeare*

# Congratulations

*To Tony and Mark, we give hearty cheer.  
Please help us celebrate these gifted men  
Whose pens have crafted a world for us here  
Full of music in Midsummer, Again.*

*So raise your voice and laud their creation.  
These two have spun us a magical tale,  
Crafted with talent and dedication,  
In which mortals and faeries didst prevail.*

*Upon this labor of love, you toiled years.  
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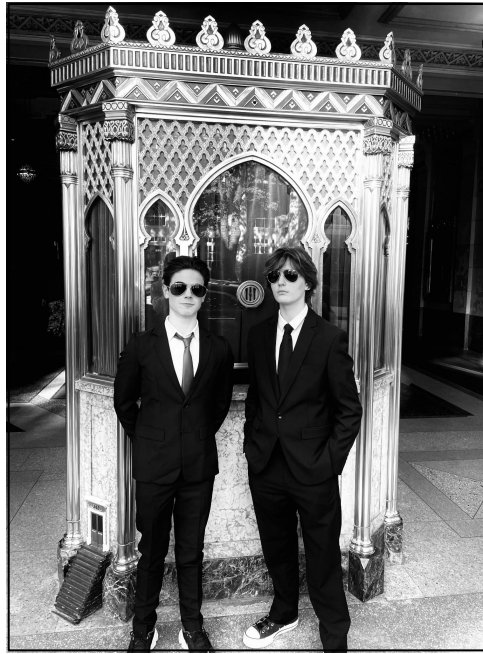
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*-The Youngs*



*Lila Rathbone* has been acting for multiple years. She has been in shows such as Frozen, Oliver Twist, Annie, and many others. Lila also did dance for multiple years at GMDC on the Marietta Square. She is a freshman here at Campbell and can't wait to be in more productions.



*Owen Ricci-Westcott* has been in EVERY play production he could be in since he joined Campbell. He is a tenth grader who is running out of ideas for stuff to put here. One of his favorite things is the Halifax Gibbut, which is a Scottish invention that may be too nasty to write about in a play bio, so if the reader wants to, they should look it up. He enjoys writing play bios about himself in the third person and loves cats, despite not having one.



*Addison Rosen* is playing the role of Connie. She is very grateful for all the love and support she has received through this production, from her boyfriend, friends and family. She has really enjoyed being a part of this show and making memories. Addison is thankful to be a part of the Campbell theater community.





*Ben Scott* says, "HI MOM!"



Don't talk to me about stamina, Carl! Speaking of stamina, *Midsummer* is *Abigail Streger's* second attempt at the soundboard for a CHS production. She would like to thank the entire theatre family for their kindness and looks forward to learning even more about technical theatre.



This is *Haily Shah's* second time doing sound for Campbell High Theater productions, and she could not be more excited and honored to sound tech the world premiere of *Midsummer, Again!*

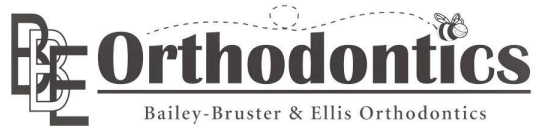
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*Krystian Tarver* is a junior at Campbell who enjoys improv, comedy, & technical theater. She hopes to continue performing & doing tech as a career. She would like to thank her friends and family who support her. She hopes you enjoy the show!



*Violet Thaiss* is a freshman at Campbell High School, and is excited for you to see the show! This year she was in the Greek Chorus in *Antigone* and played *Marcy Park* in the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. She would like to thank all her friends and family who helped get her to where she is.



*Holden Thomas* is a Junior at Campbell High School. He has been doing theatre since Freshman year. Holden loves theatre and hopes to pursue it. His past roles include *Creon* and *Leaf Coneybear*.



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*Niles Torrance* is the head of improv and a vocalist. He will be originating the role of Peter Brinley for his last CHS production.



*E. Valencia* is a freshman in the IB program at Campbell. This is the first production that they've ever performed in and they are very excited to present you *Midsummer, Again*.



*Lia Vokhiwa*



*Finley Young* is a sophomore at Campbell, and Vice President in the Drama Club. He has been in multiple productions at Campbell, his favorites including 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Clue, and Antigone. He would like to thank everyone who contributed to this, and his family. He is elated to be working with this cast, and he hopes you enjoy this show! Thanks Reagan for letting me add to my bio!



This is *Abigail Zych's* second time on stage as she is known for her backstage work. She is excited to perform on stage in a musical and wants to thank the cast and crew and especially her family!

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*Here's what's up and coming in the  
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