

43rd Annual Production

Much Ado About Nothing



By:
William Shakespeare

Presented by the:

Shakespeare Players
Ecole d'Humanite
March 24 and 25, 2007

The Production You Are About to See:

Our play is called "Much Ado About Nothing", but is it really Nothing? In many places of our world today it is still possible for a woman to be labeled as trash and treated as such on the suspicion that she has been guilty of "unchaste" behavior. She has no voice to raise in self-defense, even if she has been a victim of violence. She has been transformed into a "rotten orange" (Claudio: IVi line 31) and her male relatives consider themselves contaminated by this rot and believe that their only means of restoring the family honor is by destroying their daughter, sister, or cousin. (Leonato: "Do not live, Hero... for did I think thou wouldst not quickly die... myself would... strike at thy life." (Leonato: IVi lines 122-126)

Shakespeare, sadly, speaks for all times.

We very much hope that you enjoy our theatrical presentation and thank you for attending and supporting our work with a contribution at the end of the play.

Natalie, Birte and Jim

The Players and Technicians:

Don Pedro	Colin Townes-Anderson
Don John.....	Toby Olsen
Claudio.....	Noah Pettit
Benedick.....	Aaron Brinckerhoff
Borachio, follower of Don John.....	Ryota Sawada
Conrad, follower of Don John	Francine Longa
Messenger	Amber Needham

Leonato	Auburn Matson
Antonio	Eliane Müller
Hero	Maddy Lasky
Beatrice.....	Claire Wernstedt-Lynch
Margaret.....	Ugyen Kinlay
Ursula	Sierra Costanza

the Friar.....	Caterina Ruppolo
Dogberry	Blaze Needham
Verges.....	Rene Graef
Sexton.....	Amber Needham
Watchman 1	Max Hackinger
Watchman 2	Caterina Ruppolo
Watchman 3	Amber Needham

The Directors	Natalie Lüthi, Birte Lembke, Jim Lowry
Stage Design and Graphics.....	Helen Needham, Erica Nilsson
Costumes	Marylin Reynolds, Helen Needham Erica Nilsson, Aya Yoshida, Natalie Lüthi
Costume Consultant	Doey Lüthi
Lighting	Micha Hackinger, Séline Waldis Michi Punzenberger, Filip Bolt
Stage Construction.....	Micha Hackinger Séline Waldis, Jacob Koller
Make Up.....	Jim Lowry
Properties and Managing.....	Birte Lembke, Helen Needham Erica Nilsson, África Félez Barragán
Best Boy and Prompting	Maurice Michling
Best Girl	África Félez Barragán
Music.....	Ernst and Sigi Thöni, Armin Lüthi, Livian Yeh

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*Helen Needham who just fulfilled every wish and need,
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