

Fall '06

THE GUNN HIGH SCHOOL THEATER DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

KEN LUDWIG'S

SHAKESPEARE

IN

HOLLYWOOD



When I was asked to direct at Gunn this year, picking the 'perfect' play became an obsession. As a former graduate of Gunn, (one who worshipped Jim Shelby), I know how important the choice of play can be and I wanted do something amazing. A play that was deep and meaningful. A play that would touch people and make them think and feel. One that would change the world just by being...

And then, one night as I sat up late watching the evening news, all that became important was that it be a play that made people laugh.

So, tonight we bring you Ken Ludwig's 'Shakespeare in Hollywood'.

It is a play that will make you laugh while it touches on deep issues like censorship and Nazi oppression and the commercialization of Shakespeare.

It's a play that finds humor in hate and truth in love. It not only has the fantastic characters of Puck and Oberon wandering about the world of movie making but a whole host of famous movie stars as well. It is silly and funny and light and will take you away from reality for a while.

In this all too scary world, a little escape now and then is required!

**ej Taylor, Director**

The Gunn High school Theatre Department Proudly Presents.

Ken Ludwig's

# SHAKESPEARE IN HOLLYWOOD

**Director**

ej Taylor

**Student Director**

Sarah Alcabes

**Technical Director**

Adam Berns

**Stage Manager**

Annika Benitz

**There will be one ten minute intermission.**

**Please no eating, drinking, of flash photography in the studio theatre.  
Please turn off cell phones**



Program Designed by Johanna Dascal

## The Play

Max Reinhardt, the most famous stage director of his generation, did come to Hollywood from Austria as a refugee from the Nazis, and he directed his first (and only) motion picture, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" for Warner Brothers Pictures in 1934. Jack Warner did have three brothers, Harry, Albert and Sam, who ran the studio with him. And Louella Parsons, the most famous gossip columnist of her day, was born Louella Oettinger in Dixon, Illinois.

Dick Powell, who played Lysander in the movie, was indeed a heartthrob of the 1930s. James Cagney, the biggest star of the movie, did play Bottom, though he was best known at the time for gangster pictures. Mickey Rooney, ultimately played Puck in the movie; however, his filming was indeed delayed by the accident he had while skiing with his mother. Also, as Olivia mentions in the course of the play, for 250 years prior 1900, Puck was often played by a woman. The terms of the Production Code that Hays outlines in the play are virtually verbatim from the actual Production Code that caused untold misery for every studio in Hollywood. Moreover, the objections that Hays raises in the play are the ones that the Hays Office actually raised at the time of filming. Objections were withdrawn and no one knows exactly why.

# Cast

<b>Maria C. Lalonde</b>	Louella Parsons
<b>Michael Shomron</b>	Max Reinhart
<b>Gavin Morgan</b>	Dick Powell
<b>Trevor Felch</b>	Jack Warner
<b>Josh Kelly</b>	Daryl
<b>Maggie Cole</b>	Lydia Lansing
<b>Noel Carey</b>	Oberon
<b>Maev Lowe</b>	Puck
<b>Katelyn Hempstead</b>	Olivia Darnell
<b>E.T. Minor</b>	Will Hayes
<b>Ben Bowmer</b>	Joe E. Brown
<b>Lee Friedman</b>	Jimmy Cagney
<b>Emilie Sanchez</b>	Movie Actress, Albert Warner, Script Girl, Bartender
<b>Atrix Wolf</b>	Starlet, Sam Warner, Wardrobe Asst, Lounge singer
<b>Meghna Dholakia</b>	Photographer, Harry Warner, Camera Man, Cocktail Waitress
<b>Ella Cooley</b>	Starlet, Bridge of Frankenstein, Make-up girl, Party guest
<b>Iris Latour</b>	Starlet, Cowgirl, Party guest, Manicurist, Moth
<b>Adam Swart</b>	Fan, Tarzan, Crew, Party guest
<b>Franzesca Mayer</b>	Fan, Asst. to Albert, Party Guest, Cobweb
<b>Shalini Bathina</b>	Fan, Asst. to Sam, Party Guest, Mustardseed
<b>Annie Fox</b>	Fan, Asst. to Harry, Party Guest, Peasblossom, Groucho Marx

# Crew

**Costumes Head** Teresa Lee

\_\_\_\_\_ **Crew** Laura Fraley

**Publicity Head** Tamar Sella

\_\_\_\_\_ **Crew** Emilie Sanchez, Trevor Felch, Amalia Bob-  
Waksberg, Annie Fox

**Graphic Designer** Jememin Shim

**Lights Head** Ori Chafe

\_\_\_\_\_ **Crew** Laura Fraley

**Sounds Head** Kanika Khanna

**Sound Advisor** E.T. Minor

**Paints Head** Kendra Dunham

\_\_\_\_\_ **Crew** Camina Ahsan, Ali Belani, Sasha Guttentag,  
Taylor Johnson

**Construction Head** Jeremy Brouillet

\_\_\_\_\_ **Crew** Zayden Tethong, Manyu Belani, Kanika  
Khanna, Gabe Cohen, Link Welch, Matt  
McGranahan

**ASM** Jeremy Brouillet

**Run Crew** Sarah Alcabes

**House Crew** Dascal Johanna

Shani Chabansky

**Prop Head** Laura Fraley

Alcabes, Sarah is a freshman here at Gunn High School. She has performed in many plays, but this is her first time working as assistant director. Sarah hopes to be involved with Gunn Theater through all her 4 years at Gunn.

Benitz, Annika began her tech work in 2002. She has worked on shows at Gunn such as *The Crucible*, *The Odd Couple*, *Comedy of Errors* and one acts 2004, 2005, 2006.

She designed lightning for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and Stage Managed of *Mice and Men* both as a freshman. As a junior she Assistant stage managed *Metamorphoses*. She is excited to be stage managing her first fall play, and hopes everyone enjoys the show!

Wolf, Atrix was born by caesarian section in Syracuse, New York. She has done many fabulous and awe- inspiring things, such as spending a year in Rome, going to Renaissance Faire multiple times dressed as a fairy, teaching her dog how to open the door by himself, and passing chemistry. She gets scared on airplanes, but not onstage. Atrix hopes you have a wonderful evening.

Bathina, Shalini is 15 years old. She is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. She loves to dance, read, and act. She loves chocolate and she enjoys going to amusement parks with her friends and family.

Cole, Maggie is an ex-athlete who began performing in Gunn Theatre productions in her Junior year.

She enjoys dressing up in sneaky clothes, making movies, and the words parsley and savvy.

Bowmer, Ben was born in Hong Kong, and spent the first 14 years of his life in Asia. He moved to Palo Alto two years ago. Currently a sophomore at Gunn, this is his first time being in a school production. He enjoys Pina Colodas and getting caught in the rain.

Brouillet, Jeremy has been involved with many theater productions. He was on constructing crew and run crew during *Metamorphosis*. He was Master Carpenter for the Choir show 2006 and was both Master Carpenter and a member of the Run crew for *Comedy of Errors*.

Carey, Noel, a senior, made his Gunn theatre debut as a freshman in 2004's one act *The Proposal*. Since then, his Gunn credits include Murray in *The Odd Couple*, Silenus, Hermes, Cynirus, and Apollo in *Metamorphoses*, Luciana in *The Comedy Of Errors*, director of the last year's one act *Suicide In B-Flat*, and the Emcee in *Cabaret*.

He has also had the extreme pleasure to perform with Opera San Jose, Saratoga Drama Group, American Musical Theatre of San Jose, and most recently, Theatreworks.

Outside of theatre, he enjoys Puppetry, film making & performing Stand-up comedy

Chafe, Ori, has been working backstage in theater productions for five years. She found her calling in the backstage production class at J.L.S. Middle School and has loved working on tech ever since her first day. A senior, she is currently trying to figure out what to do in life and hopes to study theatrical lighting in college. When not working in the theatre her time is spent in photography and printmaking.



Dascal, Johanna is currently a senior at Gunn High school, originally born and raised in Argentina, she is enjoying her exchange student year.

This is her first time House Managing a play for Gunn. She loves Theater and she has performed in plays like *Dracula*, *Viaje Solitario*, *Bestiario*, and *Venecia* for the Ricardo Rojas theatre in Argentina.

She hopes everyone enjoys the show.

Felch, Trevor is a senior at Gunn and enjoys the power immensely. "SIH" is the sixth Gunn production Mr. Felch has acted in, including *Cabaret* and *Metamorphoses*. Mr. Felch is best known by the Gunn community as the "Voice of the Titans", serving his fifth year currently as the Public Address announcer for Gunn football and basketball. Mr. Felch thanks his parents, Jim Shelby for his three years of enlightening instruction, and David Ortiz for his many clutch hits helping the Red Sox.

Dholakia, Meghna is thrilled to be in her first Gunn production and fondly remembers her last role as Third Parrot from the Left.

Fraley, Laura is a blue – haired beauty who spends all her time working on Gunn Theater shows. Some of her jobs include master electrician for *The Odd Couple*, *Metamorphoses*, and *Comedy of Errors*. She Stage managed one act in 2006.

Friedman, Lee is a sophomore here at Gunn, when he's not acting he's hanging at home with his dog Fiyero, who he named after a character in his favorite musical, *Wicked*. Lee has seen many musicals, and he plans to see every one ever made.

Hempstead, Katelyn is in her third year of Gunn theater production. Her previous roles include Midas daughter in *Metamorphoses*, Victoria in *The Dear Departed*, and God in *The General of Hot Desire*. She enjoys reading, writing, and playing the accordion.

She is thrilled to be in this fantastic cast.

Khanna, Kanika has been running microphones for musical theater since 7<sup>th</sup> grade and loves carpentry as well. She is so glad to be working on shows again, especially one as funny as this

Lalnoe, María Cristina hails from Boston, Massachusetts and has been involved in four Gunn Productions since moving here three years ago. She loves German accents and her puppy, Jack, and thinks that Mozzarella cheese is just about the best cheese there is. Her favorite past times include napping and pan – handling in the streets of San Francisco.

She sends love out to her fellow cast members, techies, and beloved director EE- Jay and asks that audience members applaud generously when it comes time to take her bow.

Latour, Iris, a junior, has participated in Gunn theatre productions since she moved to Palo Alto in the summer of 2005. before playing in the 2005 one-act *The General of Hot Desire*, and Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors*, she was part of the Dutch theatre company "Het Domein" for two years, her school's improv- team "Primeur" and it's musical group "Menander", playing Haemon in the Greek tragedy *Antigone*. Iris has modeled in several fashion shows, and attends modeling/ acting courses on the weekend. She enjoys playing field hockey and the guitar, singing, writing, and belly dancing.

Lee, Teresa is a senior at Gunn High School and has been involved with Gunn Theatre her entire three years at Gunn. Before that, she attended Saint Francis High School... but her loyalty lies with the Titans (Go Gunn!). She played in the spring musical Cabaret in 2005 and she was on costumes crew for A Comedy of Errors in spring 2006. She is currently busy with college applications, so her bio is really boring and short.

Kelly, Josh is a freshman and is really excited to be in his first production at Gunn. His hobbies include SCUBA diving, Frisbee, and guitar. He'd like to acknowledge his peninsula class and hope they come to the production.

Mayer, Franzisca is 15 years old, loves acting & is ecstatic to be performing in *Shakespeare in Hollywood*. She also enjoys playing the Cello as well as Soccer & Volleyball. She would like to dedicate her performance to the Fabketeers. "Carpe Diem"

Minor, "E.T." Madeline is a senior this year and proud of it. Besides watching *Lost*, *C.S.I.*, *Las Vegas*, *Heroes*, and her all time favorite teenage *Mutant Ninja Turtles*.

She spends her time reading and writing short stories.

She plans to major in theatre and stage tech with a minor in Religion. She sends love to her family, friends, and her boyfriend. Thanks for helping her through her senior year!

Morgan, Gavin, is finally participating in a Gunn Theatre Department Production, in his Junior year.

His previous experience a few Palo Alto Children's Theatre shows and the annual Gunn Choir Musical. He enjoys reading, writing and singing. He looks forward to along-lasting and deep relationship with Gunn Theatre.

Lowe, Maev is an Irish - Born girl, who wishes she had an accent.

She loves theatre and working with amnesty international.

She loves her brother and her dog more than anything and one day hopes to save the world.

Swart, Adam is a sophomore at Gunn. He enjoys reading, debating, and talking. He plays tennis and the Piano: after university he would like to be a lawyer or diplomat. This is his first live performance.

Sanchez, Emilie is a senior. Some of her favorite roles include parts in *Fiddler on the Roof* and once on this Island. She has acted in 4 plays at Gunn, including *Metamorphoses*, *Comedy of Errors*, and has worked on tech for more.

Shomron, Michael was born and raised in Israel and came to Palo Alto on his sophomore year in the summer of 2005. He likes most of the arts, especially theater, photography, drawing, writing, sculpting, and film making. Michael also plays the saxophone and enjoys swimming as well as many other sport activities. He likes traveling and documenting his trips with photographs. He thinks there is nothing better than a good laugh, but sometimes a bad one will do.



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