

SHORESIDE
THEATRE

AUCKLAND SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK 2026

2026

MUCH ADO ABOUT
NOTHING &
ROMEO & JULIET

16 JAN - 14 FEB 2026

PRESENTED BY
SHORESIDE THEATRE



PROGRAMME

The

PumpHouse

Theatre

BENEFITZ

→ Future thinkers.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Much Ado About Nothing

This raucous, high-energy rendition of Much Ado About Nothing takes place in a punk community, the action centered on music venue Leonato's House. Fresh from working a festival, head of crew Benedick runs into venue co-owner Beatrice and the battle of wits begins.

Cast

BEATRICE

LEONATO

HERO

DON PEDRO

CLAUDIO

BENEDICK

DON JON

BORACHIO

CONRAD

BALTHASAR

FRIAR

MARGARET

URSULA

DOGBERRY

VERGES

WATCH/ENSEMBLE

UNDERSTUDY

Heather Warne

Greg Campbell

Grace Blackwell

Daniel Moore

Kierron Diaz-Campbell

Jack Powers

Asha O'Connor-Palacios

El Boasman

Jaime Smail

Sebastian Diaz-Campbell

Sofia Shaw

Rose Herda

Tara Sabor

Amanda Moore

Zoe Atkinson

Jo Wilde, Jessica Keesing-Styles, Thu Anh Mai,

Adam Trail & Arti Kansara

Daniel Rundle

Creative Team

DIRECTOR

Michelle Atkinson

Eve Hughes

Sofia Miernik

Zara Ridley

Odin Patrick, Aaria Harrison-Sparke

Michelle Atkinson, Heather Warne and Cast

Alex Etheridge & Brianna Smith

Joshua Wang & Jack Powers

Lauren Wilson

Alex Etheridge

Emily Potter, Sam Foster, Amy Watson, Grace Poloi,

Cat Ma, Milly Gerrish, Hazel Lin, Luca Luxton-Reily,

& Alex Etheridge

Joshua Wang

Sebastian Diaz-Campbell and Michelle Atkinson

The Cast

GRAPHIC DESIGN

MUSIC

DEVISED ELEMENTS

ROMEO & JULIET

Romeo & Juliet

Will love triumph? In the city of Verona, young love grows in the midst of an ancient feud. But behind the beauty and poetry lies a world where families, friends, and authority figures fail to guide or protect. This production highlights the broken support systems that surround Romeo and Juliet and explores how pride, silence, and misunderstanding lead to disaster.

Cast

In Order of Appearance

SAMPSON/COUSIN CAP/FRIAR JOHN

Daniel Coombridge

Elise Cuff

Olivia Peat

Olivia Rose

Emily Cuff

Forest Cully

Carly Cameron

Lily Hendry-Ashton

Stephen Ellis

Phillippa Hibbs

Stuart Tupp

Jess Ellison

Terri Mellender

Grant Zent

Ben Martin

Emily Coffman

Iona Taylor

Alice Dibble

Layla Whiteside

Sage Carruthers

GREGORY/FIRST WATCH

ABRAHAM/SECOND WATCH

BALTHAZAR

BENVOLIO

TYBALT

FIRST CITIZEN/THIRD WATCH/CAP SERVANT

SECOND CITIZEN/APOTHECARY/PARIS' PAGE

CAPULET

LADY CAPULET

MONTAGUE

LADY MONTAGUE

PRINCE

ROMEO

PARIS

PETER

NURSE

JULIET

MERCUTIO

FRIAR LAURENCE

Creative Team

DIRECTOR

Steph Curtis

Jen Bates

STAGE MANAGER

Kasey Rule-Jones,

Carla Anderson & Sam Foster

Niv Verlinsky

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGERS

Steph Curtis, Shannon Godfrey

Patricia Nichols, Carla Anderson

Steph Curtis / Jen Bates

Lauren Wilson

Thomas Julian & Forest Cully

Luca Luxton-Reilly

LIGHTING & SOUND DESIGNER

Alastor Spear, Niv Verlinsky, Florian Williams

COSTUMES

Toby Gibbes, Taine Andrews, Jacob Freestone, El Glynn

Elise & Emily Cuff

Xander & Luka Curtis

PROPERTIES

INTIMACY ADVISOR

FIGHT COORDINATORS

HEAD TECH

TECHNICAL OPERATORS

LIVE MUSIC

CHAOS COORDINATORS

Production Team

PRODUCTION MANAGER

TECHNICAL MANAGER

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

ENSEMBLE LEAD/CHAPERONE

MARKETING AND PROMOTION

PHOTOGRAPHY

FRONT OF HOUSE COORDINATOR

Matt Goldsbro'

Zara Ridley

Mark Wilson, Eve Galbraith

Jessica Keesing-Styles

Steph and Ali @ Elephant Publicity, James Bell

Christine Ball & Meg Andrews

Meg Andrews & James Bell

Jessica Keesing-Styles

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Celebrating 30 years of Shakespeare in the Park

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Shoreside Theatre's Shakespeare in the Park, a much-loved North Shore community tradition. During that time, hundreds of actors and thousands of audience members have shared the experience of these plays in the unique outdoor amphitheatre setting by Lake Pupuke.

We'd like to thank everyone who has been part of the past thirty years, with special acknowledgement to Carol and Allan Dumbleton, who established the annual season in 1997 and gave countless volunteer hours to building the tradition it is today.

1997	Richard III
1998	As You Like It
1999	Henry V & Twelfth Night
2000	Antony and Cleopatra & A Midsummer Night's Dream
2001	King Lear
2002	The Merchant Of Venice
2003	Macbeth
2004	Love's Labour's Lost & Othello
2005	A Midsummer Night's Dream & King John
2006	Twelfth Night & The Merry Wives of Windsor
2007	Much Ado about Nothing
2008	King Lear
2009	Romeo and Juliet
2010	Richard III
2011	As You Like It & Taming Of The Shrew
2012	Macbeth & Anthony and Cleopatra
2013	Hamlet & The Merchant of Venice

2014	Othello & Much Ado About Nothing
2015	Measure for Measure & Merry Wives of Windsor
2016	King Lear & The Tempest
2017	Love's Labour's Lost & A Midsummer Night's Dream
2018	Romeo & Juliet & The Comedy of Errors
2019	Henry V & Twelfth Night
2020	Macbeth & As You Like It
2021	Hamlet & Much Ado About Nothing
2022	The Two Gentlemen of Verona & The Merchant of Venice
2023	The Merry Wives of Windsor & Antony & Cleopatra
2024	A Midsummer Night's Dream & Measure for Measure
2025	The Taming of the Shrew & Richard III
2026	Romeo & Juliet & Much Ado About Nothing