

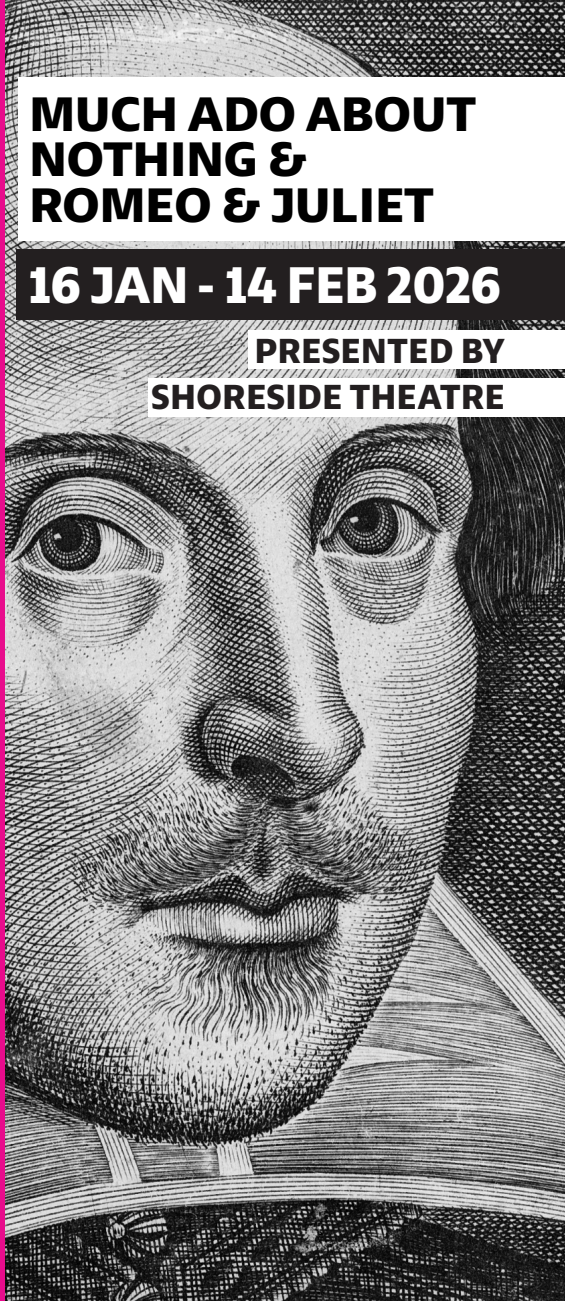
SHORESIDE
THEATRE

AUCKLAND SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK 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

<i>BEATRICE</i>	Heather Warne
<i>LEONATO</i>	Greg Campbell
<i>HERO</i>	Grace Blackwell
<i>DON PEDRO</i>	Daniel Moore
<i>CLAUDIO</i>	Kierron Diaz-Campbell
<i>BENEDICK</i>	Jack Powers
<i>DON JON</i>	Asha O'Connor-Palacios
<i>BORACHIO</i>	El Boasman
<i>CONRAD</i>	Jaime Smail
<i>BALTHASAR</i>	Sebastian Diaz-Campbell
<i>FRIAR</i>	Sofia Shaw
<i>MARGARET</i>	Rose Herda
<i>URSULA</i>	Tara Sabor
<i>DOGBERRY</i>	Amanda Moore
<i>VERGES</i>	Zoe Atkinson
<i>WATCH/ENSEMBLE</i>	Jo Wilde, Jessica Keesing-Styles, Thu Anh Mai, Adam Trail & Arti Kansara
<i>UNDERSTUDY</i>	Daniel Rundle

Creative Team

<i>DIRECTOR</i>	Michelle Atkinson
<i>STAGE MANAGEMENT</i>	Eve Hughes
<i>STAGE MANAGEMENT MENTOR</i>	Sofia Miernik
<i>LIGHTING & SOUND DESIGNER</i>	Zara Ridley
<i>COSTUMES</i>	Odin Patrick, Aaria Harrison-Sparke
<i>PROPERTIES</i>	Michelle Atkinson, Heather Warne and Cast
<i>SET</i>	Alex Etheridge & Brianna Smith
<i>INTIMACY ADVISOR</i>	Joshua Wang & Jack Powers
<i>HEAD TECH</i>	Lauren Wilson
<i>TECHNICAL OPERATORS</i>	Alex Etheridge
<i>GRAPHIC DESIGN</i>	Emily Potter, Sam Foster, Amy Watson, Grace Poloai, Cat Ma, Milly Gerrish, Hazel Lin, Luca Luxton-Reily, & Alex Etheridge
<i>MUSIC</i>	Joshua Wang
<i>DEvised ELEMENTS</i>	Sebastian Diaz-Campbell and Michelle Atkinson The Cast

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

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

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

Creative Team

DIRECTOR

STAGE MANAGER

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGERS

LIGHTING & SOUND DESIGNER

COSTUMES

PROPERTIES

INTIMACY ADVISOR

FIGHT COORDINATORS

HEAD TECH

TECHNICAL OPERATORS

LIVE MUSIC

CHAOS COORDINATORS

Steph Curtis

Jen Bates

Kasey Rule-Jones,

Carla Anderson & Sam Foster

Niv Verlinsky

Steph Curtis, Shannon Godfrey

Patricia Nichols, Carla Anderson

Steph Curtis / Jen Bates

Lauren Wilson

Thomas Julian & Forest Cully

Luca Luxton-Reilly

Alastor Spear, Niv Verlinsky, Florian Williams

Toby Gibbes, Taine Andrews, Jacob Freestone, El Glynn

Elise & Emily Cuff

Xander & Luka Curtis

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	2014	Othello & Much Ado About Nothing
1998	As You Like It	2015	Measure for Measure & Merry Wives of Windsor
1999	Henry V & Twelfth Night	2016	King Lear & The Tempest
2000	Antony and Cleopatra & A Midsummer Night's Dream	2017	Love's Labour's Lost & A Midsummer Night's Dream
2001	King Lear	2018	Romeo & Juliet & The Comedy of Errors
2002	The Merchant Of Venice	2019	Henry V & Twelfth Night
2003	Macbeth	2020	Macbeth & As You Like It
2004	Love's Labour's Lost & Othello	2021	Hamlet & Much Ado About Nothing
2005	A Midsummer Night's Dream & King John	2022	The Two Gentlemen of Verona & The Merchant of Venice
2006	Twelfth Night & The Merry Wives of Windsor	2023	The Merry Wives of Windsor & Antony & Cleopatra
2007	Much Ado about Nothing	2024	A Midsummer Night's Dream & Measure for Measure
2008	King Lear	2025	The Taming of the Shrew & Richard III
2009	Romeo and Juliet	2026	Romeo & Juliet & Much Ado About Nothing
2010	Richard III		
2011	As You Like It & Taming Of The Shrew		
2012	Macbeth & Anthony and Cleopatra		
2013	Hamlet & The Merchant of Venice		