

"THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE NEVER DID RUN SMOOTH!"

When four life-long friends, Helena, Hermia, Lysander, and Demetrius - find themselves in a heart-bind, they disappear into the nearby forest in the middle of the night, hoping to escape their miserable realities. Unluckily for them, these woods are home to mischievous fairy spirits, whose two queens - Titania and Oberon - are locked in yet *another* fierce fight between them. After Titania has broken some *more* marital rules, Oberon recruits her unreliable red right hand: the notoriously misbehaving Puck. There is nothing Puck loves more than a good story - and he intends to make this a night to remember; sparing no heartache, or headache.

The Bangkok Shakespeare Troupe is the very first, and the only, Shakespearean acting troupe in Thailand. Artist-led and directed, the Troupe prides itself on creating an accessible and immersive theatrical environment combined with artwork and visuals constructed with an artists' touch. Comprised of an all-Thai cast of actors, artists, and crew - we proudly present our very first production: 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' (2024). This is one of Shakespeare's most famous romantic comedies, and has been translated into Thai and adapted specifically for the Troupe, by the director, lead artist, and founder of the company: Marsha Niemeijer.

*"...This is set to be a landmark in south-east Asian theatre,
and we wish it every success."*

-Michael Dobson, Director of the The Shakespeare Institute, Stratford-Upon-Avon

On the **12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th of November, 2024**, The Bangkok Shakespeare Troupe will be putting on **four performances** of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' (2024) at the **BACC (Bangkok Arts and Culture Center), 5th Floor Auditorium**. Tickets will range from 300 THB to 650 THB for regular shows, and 800 THB for the Opening Night Gala. Early Bird Tickets will be on sale in October through our Instagram page: @bangkokshakespeare.

We cordially invite you to join us for an exclusive Staged Reading and Press Release Event at **The Siam on October 6th, 2024, starting at 13:00**. There will be a Q&A session with selected lead actors, the lead costume designer, and Marsha Niemeijer. As this is a closed event, please RSVP here (before the 16th of September, 2024). Drinks and canapés will be provided. We hope to see you there!

This event will be held in Thai. The selected panel, with the exception of Marsha Niemeijer, will only answer questions in Thai. Ms. Niemeijer will answer press questions in both Thai and English, though no live translation will be provided on-site. For questions in English directed to Ms. Niemeijer, written translations will be provided to all press upon our follow-up.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM PRESS RELEASE

October 6th, 2024

The Siam 3/2 Khao, Vachirapayabal, Dusit District, Bangkok 10300

13:00-13:45 — Press sign in at **The Library** (drinks and canapés provided)

14:00 - 15:30 — Staged Reading and Q&A

16:00 — Event ends

RSVP!

PANEL INFORMATION

Thanarat Chompoowanichakul

Lead Actor

Chompoowanichakul graduated from Burapha University, Faculty of Music and Performing Arts in 2020 and has since performed in a range of productions and organisations including the BACC, 333Gallery, and the National Thailand Artist Fair. He acted in a short film by Teerawat Mulvilai in 2024, and most recently, starred in Glom Theatre's revival of 'IBM1401,' a contemporary dance piece.

*Chompoowanichakul plays **Puck**.*

Chayanee Vorapongpinij

Lead Actor

Vorapongpinij received her Master's degree in the Dramatic Arts from the Faculty of Arts at Chulalongkorn University. She was involved in a variety of theatrical performances there, including the avant-garde 'Right You Are (If You Think You Are)' in 2022, and 'Laughing Wild' in 2023.

*Vorapongpinij plays **Oberon**.*

Jirasiri Techalapanasme

Lead Actor

Techalapanasme graduated from Yale-NUS College in 2019. In Singapore, she worked as a freelance model and actor. Her notable works include the short films 'Sarah' (2018), for which she received a nomination for Best Actress at the Singapore National Youth Film Awards, and 'She Wants To Be' (2021), produced by Vidsee. She is credited as co-writer and actor in the award-winning play, 'Flamingos' (2018).

*Techalapanasme plays **Titania**.*

Parisa Kitichantaropas

Lead Costume Designer

Kitichantaropas has over 15 years of experience as a stylist consultant and makeup instructor, in addition to her work as a confidence and personality coach.

Kitichantaropas is the lead costume designer.

Marsha Niemeijer

Director, Translator/Writer, Lead Artist, and Founder

Niemeijer is an interdisciplinary artist, writer, and director. She holds a BFA, conferred with Honours, from Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) - majoring in the fine arts, and a minoring in the literary arts - having focused on literature, film, and theatre. She directed her first Shakespearean theatrical production at Brown University, and her debut short film - which she wrote, directed, designed, produced, and edited, is award-winning.

Niemeijer is the founder of the Bangkok Shakespeare Troupe. She is also the translator, writer, director, and lead artist of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' (2024).

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