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### HHS Puts a Modern Twist on Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

HUNTLEY, IL – Huntley High School is preparing for its second theatrical production of the season with a classic, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare. Arguably one of his most beloved comedic works, this production takes the audience to the stage... literally!

For the first time in Huntley's history, theater goers will be seated on the stage in a 'three-quarter thrust' type of setting (similar to a 'theater in the round' setting). This setup not only asks actors and designers to go beyond their normal work, as they must play to more than just those in front of them, but invites the audience to a one-of-a-kind experience through a world of magic and fantasy.

Multiple storylines intertwine in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to tell the story of the marriage of the Duke of Athens. Throw in four Athenian lovers, a group of amateur actors, some mischievous woodland fairies, music, dancing and romance, and there is much more planned than anyone could have ever imagined. Finally, a Shakespeare play that everyone can understand and enjoy!

The directing team of Christine DeFrancesco, Jill Corapi, Joseph Domka, along with fantastical lighting and sound effects by Nathan Knapke puts a modern twist on this Shakespeare classic.

Performances will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 12, 13, and 14 at 7:00 p.m. along with a 2:00 p.m. matinee at the Performing Arts Center at Huntley High School, 13719 Harmony Road.

Tickets are \$5 each and will be sold at the door 60 minutes prior to show times. Children 3 and under are free.

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