

A Midsummer Night's Dream



Foot
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Welcome

Footnotes is a performance guide published by the Community Education Department of Ballet Austin. This *Footnotes* is designed to help you enjoy our performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



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The Mortals (humans)

Egeus – Hermia's father
 Hermia – loves Lysander, engaged to Demetrius
 Helena – Hermia's best friend, loves Demetrius
 Demetrius – wants to marry Hermia
 Lysander – loves Hermia
 Duke Theseus – a government official, believes Hermia must marry Demetrius
 Hippolyta – engaged to Duke Theseus
 Bottom the Weaver – an actor, Puck turns him into a donkey

The Fairies

Puck – fun-loving and mischievous
 Cupid – Puck's friend, the only character not in the original play
 Oberon – King of the Fairies
 Titania – Queen of the Fairies

Finish

Lysander and Hermia are to be married as are Demetrius and Helena.

Duke Theseus and his fiancée, Hippolyta, come across the couples and invite them to join their wedding festivities.

The young lovers, Bottom and Titania are released from the spells by Puck and Oberon.

Puck transforms an actor named Bottom into a donkey. Then Puck causes Bottom to fall asleep near Titania so that when she wakes she will see him and fall in love with him.

When Demetrius wakes up he also falls in love with Helena.

Oberon puts the magic drops in the eyes of Titania while she is sleeping.

Lysander wakes up, sees Helena and falls in love with her.

Puck tries to correct his mistake by putting the drops in Demetrius' eyes.

Helena and Demetrius go into the woods to find Hermia.

Puck mistakenly puts the drops into Lysander's eyes.

Oberon orders Puck to put magic flower nectar into Demetrius' eyes so he will fall in love with Helena.

Hermia and Lysander run away into the woods together.

Demetrius tells Helena he does not share her love.

Puck, Cupid and other fairies are dancing in the woods.

Start

Fairy Path

Mortal Path

Lover Pairs:

- Oberon and Titania
- Lysander and Hermia
- Theseus and Hippolyta
- Demetrius and Helena

■ = Mortal Path

□ = Fairy Path

What is a fairy?

The fairies in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* are a lot like humans, but live in the woods and have magical powers.



