

WASHBURN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

# MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

A COMEDY BY  
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



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7:00 PM

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After the popularity and success of our production of The Book of Will last year, students and community members were eager for us to incorporate a Shakespeare play into this year's season. Full of word-play, wit, and likeable characters, Much Ado About Nothing is one of his most humorous and relatable plays. Thankfully, we've mostly progressed beyond the unfair standards of female modesty that Hero is subjected to, but Claudio's heartbreak, Leonato's parental disappointment, and Beatrice's vengeful anger remain easy for modern audiences to empathize with. And of course, it's satisfying fun to watch an "alpha male" like Benedick get his comeuppance at the hands of true love, and a blundering constable get recognition he may not deserve but desperately needs.

Most full-length Shakespeare productions in this setting would take 6-7 weeks to prepare, so I am incredibly proud of the work that our cast and crew have done to create this set and master this script in 5 weeks. As I've said many times over, we should never underestimate what young people are capable of when they are presented with a challenge and opportunity to work as a team, be creative, and grapple with ideas and themes that prepare them for a world that needs all they have to offer. Thank you for supporting the work, growth, and talent of our students!

Maeghan Bishop, Director

## Production Team

Director: Maeghan Bishop

Design/Technical Direction: Nick Beasley

Stage Manager: Bry McDaniel

Asst. Stage Manager: Sierrah Wall

Lighting Design: Evan Davidson

Lighting Operator: Cadee Haugsness

Sound: Wren Elliott, Owen Tremblay

Props: Camryn Clark

Costume Supervisor: Linnea Hoyos

Costume Design/Crew Jaidyn Alcantar,  
Lily Czechanski, Corrinne Fullmer, Cyd Zach

# Setting

Messina, an affluent neighborhood in an American City  
1928

## Cast

SIGNIOR LEONATO.....Ronny Simmons  
HERO (Leonato's daughter).....Taylor Moore  
BEATRICE (Leonato's niece).....Mackenzie Smith  
MARGARET.....Haley Reiff  
URSULA.....Jocelyn Escalante  
FRIEND to Hero.....Peher Gupta  
ANTONIO (Leonato's brother).....Isaac Langley  
MESSENGER to Don Pedro.....Maddy Bauer  
DON PEDRO, the governing Prince.....Koby Kirk  
COUNT CLAUDIO.....Josh Jensen  
SIGNIOR BENEDICK.....Griffin Reiff  
DON JOHN, illegitimate brother of Don Pedro.....Maxwell DiGiovanni  
CONRADE, friend to Don John.....Miriam Smith  
BORACHIO, friend to Don John.....Noah Hart  
BALTHASAR, in the Prince's company.....Addie Resch  
AGENT member in the Prince's company.....Max McKibben  
AGENT member in the Prince's company.....Xachary Browne  
DOGBERRY, a local constable.....Cade Nelson  
VERGES, deputy to Dogberry.....Madison Torrez  
GEORGETTE SEACOAL.....Dillyn Fager  
FIRST WATCHMAN.....Meadow Cunningham  
SECOND WATCHMAN.....Rain Gonzalez  
THIRD WATCHMAN.....Liana Murphy  
FOURTH WATCHMAN.....Jordan Brown  
FRIAR FRANCIS.....Holly Sorrenti  
SEXTON, a clerk of the law.....Campbell Hight  
STAFF in Leonato's household.....Ellen Austin, Bri Cessna,  
Annie Lightcap, Emilee Stimpfle

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