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Description: Pittsfield Shakespeare in the Park's free production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is now performing on the First Street Common.

PITTSFIELD SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK BEGINS PERFORMANCES OF *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* ANNOUNCING 12-ACTOR CAST OF RETURNING FAVORITES AND NEWCOMERS

PITTSFIELD, MA — Pittsfield Shakespeare in the Park's free outdoor production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is now playing through September 5 at the First Street Common, performing Thursdays-Sundays at 8pm.

The cast includes Pittsfield Shakespeare in the Park favorites such as Christopher Brophy, reprising the role of Nick Bottom (which he played in PSP's first ever production in 2014), plus Glenn Barrett (Prospero in *The Tempest*), Julie Castagna (*Midsummer*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *The Tempest*), Lindsay DeWinkleer (*Twelfth Night*) and Emma Foley (*The Tempest*). Joining them are actors Kyra Fitzgerald, Kaitlin Henderson, Brandon Lee, Joslyn Eaddy Meléndez, Olivia Sblendorio, Walton Wilson, and Zoe Wohlfeld.

Director Enrico Spada says that "this year feels especially momentous" for this production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The company first presented this play seven years ago in 2014 as their inaugural performance at Springside Park. This year, the performance features 12 actors performing "in the round" — with the stage set on the Common lawn, and audience seated on all sides — in a pared-down production that is made to feel intimate and fill audiences with joy and delight.

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AT A GLANCE

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Written by William Shakespeare

Directed by Enrico Spada

Cast: Glenn Barrett, Chris Brophy, Julie Castagna, Lindsay DeWinkleer, Joslyn Eaddy, Kyra Fitzgerald, Emma Foley, Kaitlin Henderson, Brandon Lee, Olivia Sblendorio, Walton Wilson, Zoe Wohlfeld

Production Stage Manager: Makayla (Ayla) Keeny

Stage Manager: Lindsay DeWinkleer

Location: First Street Common in Pittsfield

Performances: Now–September 5, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays at 8pm

ABOUT PITTSFIELD SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

Pittsfield Shakespeare in the Park is committed to keeping the thrill of theatre alive with the artists and audience members who live in the Berkshires by presenting free, outdoor Shakespeare bringing together audience members, actors, designers, and technicians to our community.

Founded by Berkshires-based theatre artist and educator, PSP was launched in the summer of 2014, Pittsfield Shakespeare in the Park presents fully-produced performances of Shakespeare's plays under the evening sky for free to the public. Thousands of people have enjoyed its productions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (2014), *Romeo and Juliet* (2015), *The Tempest* (2016), *Twelfth Night* (2017), and *Much Ado About Nothing* (2019).

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