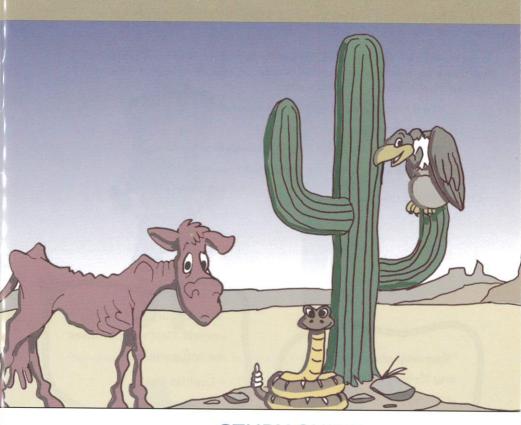
# **TWELFTH NIGHT**



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### DRAMATURG'S NOTE: THIS ABOVE ALL

Growing up can be hard. There are many groups of people with so many different interests and talents. Sometimes it's hard to figure out where you fit in with everyone else because no one is quite the same. And you know what? That's okay. We are happiest when we chose to be ourselves.

In this show you will see many characters wearing disguises or dressing silly because they think it will make them more popular or attractive. Here are some great questions to consider before, during, and after the play:

- · Why is it important for us to be true to ourselves?
- · What does being true to yourself mean?
- · Which characters struggle to do that? Have you ever felt like them?
- · When was a time you felt happy being true to yourself?
- -Christian Riboldi, dramaturg

"Your only obligation in any lifetime is to be true to yourself."

-Richard Bach

"Real beauty is to be true to oneself. That's what makes me feel good."

-Laetitia Casta

"Surely He can make of you the genuine, spiritual being of light and truth you desire to be."

-President Utchdorf

### TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE

In Twelfth Night there are a few characters who pretend to be someone they're not. Let's practice spotting some of the disguises you will see in the play (Answers on page 14).

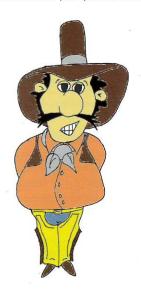
Viola has 10 different things she uses to disguise herself. Can you find them all?





Malvolio changes 5 things in order to impress Olivia. Can you spot the differences?





### SHAKESPEARE WORD FOR WORD

Playwright William Shakespeare was a man of many words. Not only are many used to describe him, but he also invented thousands of words that we still use today! Complete the crossword puzzle below to see just a few. First, check out our list of some fun words Shakespeare created when writing Twelfth Night. Try and match them to their definition. Then, take a look at the biography on the next page to find the missing words in the phrases marked with an \*. Good luck!

-Control

-Dexterously

-Fashionable

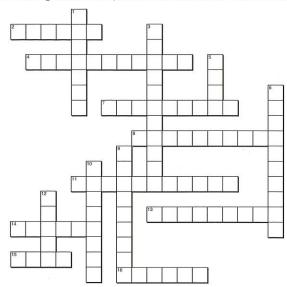
-Hobnob

-Lustrous

-Malignancy

-Negotiate

-Whirligig



#### **ACROSS**

- 2. To mix socially, especially with those of higher social status
- 4. Skillful and competent with the hands
- 7. Try to reach an agreement or compromise by discussion with others
- 8. The quality of being cruel or unkind
- 11. \*As a \_\_\_\_\_, Shakespeare bought expensive property throughout Stratford
- 13. \* Shakespeare was a talented \_\_\_\_\_, inventing over 1700 words that we use today
- 14. \*Shakespeare enjoyed his role as \_\_\_\_\_, with 8 children (including one set of twins!)
- 15. \*Often called The Great \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. \*Many believe Shakespeare was a \_\_\_\_\_ since he used 28,829 unique word forms in his works

#### DOWN

- 1. The power to influence other's behavior or the course of events
- 3. Representing a current popular trend or style
- 5. \*Shakespeare was also a \_\_\_\_\_, writing 154 sonnets
- 6. \*But of course, Shakespeare is mostly known as a \_\_\_\_\_, writing 37 plays.
- 9. A thing regarded as hectic or constantly changing
- 10. Having shine or glossiness
- 12. \*Shakespeare started his career as an \_\_\_\_\_\_.

### GETTING TO KNOW THE BARD

Think about your best friends. How well do you know them? Do you remember their birthdays? The more you know about each other, the closer friends you'll become. The same is true when we learn. Getting to know history can be as fun as making new friends. Here are a few fun facts about William Shakespeare's life so that you can get to know him better.

- William Shakespeare was born in a town called Stratford-upon-Avon on or near April 23, 1564. He was the third child of eight in his family. His parents most likely couldn't read or write.
- Shakespeare got married at age 18 to Anne Hathaway. They had 8 children with one set of twins.
- It's believed that Shakespeare started his career as an actor, and he acted in many of his
- In the time of Shakespeare a bard was a poet who shared his poems by reciting them to others. One of Shakespeare's common titles is The Great Bard because he his seen by many as the most influential writer and storyteller in the English language.
- Shakespeare was a literary genius. In his time some of the laborers could had a vocabulary of 300 words of less. Shakespeare used 28,829 unique word forms in his works.
- A wordsmith is an inventor of words. Shakespeare invented over 1700 words that we now use in our everyday language.
- As a poet and playwright Shakespeare wrote 154 sonnets and 37 plays. Most of Shakespeare's writing is poetic.
- Shakespeare wrote most of his plays in a poetic style called iambic pentameter. lambic pentameter is a style of writing where every line has exactly 10 syllables and every other syllable is a little stronger than the one before it. For example, the opening line of Twelfth Night is: "If music be the food of love, play on;"
- Shakespeare's sonnets usually rhyme and are all exactly 14 lines longs.
- A successful businessman, Shakespeare bought expensive property throughout Stratford, and was a co-owner of the Globe Theater.



"People are watching the way we act, more than they are listening to what we say." -Max Lucado

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<sup>\*</sup> Use the biography on the next page to find and learn about these words. (Answers on page 14).

### WHY THE WILD WEST?

Wait a minute! If Shakespeare lived 400 years ago in England, then why are we performing this show in the Wild West? If any of you are wondering why we're dressing up as cowboys and cowgirls, then you're probably not alone. Here are some questions the dramaturg had and answers he found when learning about Shakespeare. Hopefully they help you understand and enjoy this production!

#### Q: How did actors dress in the time of Shakespeare?

A: Shakespeare was originally done in a time period called the Elizabethan Era. In Shakespeare's plays the actors would wear costumes that matched their every day clothes. That would be like you wearing jeans and a t-shirt as a costume in a play.

#### Q: Why do people put Shakespeare plays in different time periods?

A: It's popular to put Shakespeare plays in other time periods in order to make the story different than the original, to better relate to the audience, and sometimes to find different meaning in the story.

#### Q: What are some different ways to perform Shakespearean plays?

A: Today there are many ways to do Shakespeare plays. You can dress like they used to in Shakespeare's time, with big dresses, feathery hats, and capes. However, sometimes people put Shakespeare in different time periods like the future, space, modern times, or in our case the Wild West.

#### Q: Why are we performing Shakespeare in the Wild West?

A: The short answer is, why not! It's fun seeing cowboys and girls speaking in fun accents and telling a funny story. The long answer would be for each one of us to look at the west and see what we can learn from their story of adventure, honesty, and grit. Ask yourself, in what ways were cowboys and early western settlers true to themselves?

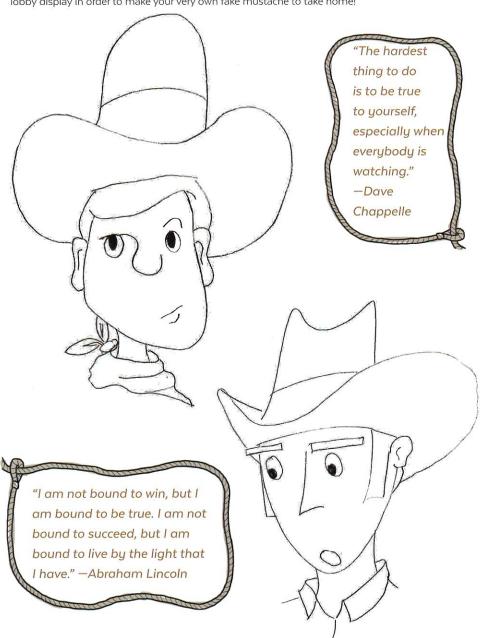


"This above all: to thine own self be true. And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man." -William Shakespeare



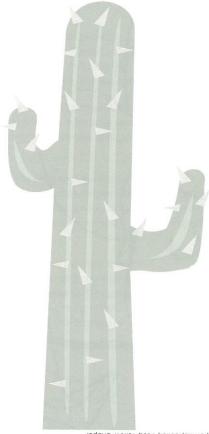
### DRAW YOUR OWN MUSTACHE!

Director Megan Sanborn Jones uses a lot of fake mustaches to tell this version of Twelfth Night. Use the blank faces below to draw your favorite style of mustache. And don't forget to visit our lobby display in order to make your very own fake mustache to take home!



### **AUTOGRAPHS**

After the play there will be a chance to meet and talk with some of the actors. Feel free to talk with them about what it's like being in a play. After you talk with them try and get as many of their autographs as you can.



Malvolio Differences: Eyebrows, Smile, Collar, Vest, Yellow Chaps. Hat, Hair, Mustache, Smile, Bandanna, Buttons, Belt, Pants, Boots, Spurs. Viola Differences:

Down: J.Control, 3.Fashionable, 5.Poet, 6.Playwrite, 9.Whirling, JO.Lustrous, J2.Actor Across: Z.Hobnob, 4.Dexterously, 7.Negotiate, 8.Malignancy, 7l.Businessman, 13.Wordsmith, 14.Father, 15.Bard, 16.Genius Answer Key for crossword puzzle:

### TO LEARN MORE

Interested in learning more about this production of Twelfth Night? Check out The 4th Wall, BYU's dramaturgy blog: 4thwalldramaturgy.byu.edu/category/ twelfth-night



### PRODUCTION STAFF CONTINUED

Julia Ashworth Young Company **Artistic Director** 

Julia Ashworth is an assistant teaching professor of theatre education in the Department of Theatre and Media Arts at Brigham Young University. She has worked in the field of arts education - as an artist, administrator and K-12 teacher - for over fifteen years. Her duties in the Theatre and Media Arts department at BYU include serving as artistic director for The Young Company and acting as program director for the Theatre Education program. Her work focuses primarily on theatre for young audiences and applied theatre practices.

Alyssa Bybee Costume Designer From Henderson, Nevada. Senior in Theatre Arts Studies with an emphasis in costume design with minors in political science and visual arts. Recent credits include co-costume designer for Alice in Wonderland (ballet).

Franny Gleave Assistant Stage Manager From Salt Lake City, Utah. She is a senior in theatre arts studies with a minor in art history. This is her first experience with the Young Company at BYU, and it has only deepened her appreciation for Shakespeare, theatre, and the arts.

Megan Sanborn Jones Director

Dr. Megan Sanborn Jones is scholar and a director/choreographer. Her work has been published in Theatre Journal, Theatre Topics, Theatre History Studies, and more. Her second book, Walking with the Dead: Resurrecting the Past in Mormon Pageant Performance is forthcoming this year. Her BYU credits including: Midsummer Night's Dream, Arabian Nights, Henry 5, as well as last year's world premiere adaptation of Shannon Hale's Princess Academy. She and her husband, Dr. Glen Jones, are the happy parents of Cohen and Eden.

Dayne Joyner Production Stage Manager From Athens, GA. Junior studying theatre arts, emphasis in stage management and directing. He recently returned from serving as a Young Performing Missionary this summer in Nauvoo, Illinois where he performed in Nauvoo's musical productions and presentations. Previous credits include stage manager for The Clean House (mask club), Flight Operator for The Count of Monte Cristo (BYU), and Assistant Stage Manager for Disney's Beauty and the Beast (BYU).

Christian Riboldi Dramaturg

From Lehi Utah. Junior in computer science with a minor in theater arts studies. His favorite roles include the Prince in Cinderella with the Pioneer Alumni Repertory Company, the title role from The Scarlet Pimpernel at Lehi High School, and the Beast from Beauty and the Beast also at Lehi. This is his first time being a dramaturg for a BYU production. He and his wife have been married for a year and a half.

Karlee Savage Assistant Stage Manager From Yuma, AZ. Sophomore in theatre arts education with a minor in TESOL. Recent credits include makeup artist for Li'l Abner at Timpanogos High School and I Am Jane at BYU, as well as sound technician for And Then There Were None at Gila Ridge High School.

## PRODUCTION STAFF (CONT.)

Rory Scanlon Scenic Designer

From American Fork, UT. Completed theatre design degrees at Idaho State University, BYU, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In 1984 he returned to BYU as a professor in the Department of Theatre and Media Arts. His professional credits include a range of television, film and theatre projects from Disney to the Hill Cumorah Pageant. His book Costume Design Graphics with Costume Fashion Press in New York was released in 2001. He and his wife, Deanna, have five children and eleven grandchildren.

Sarah Beth Stewart Makeup Designer

From Evergreen, Colorado. Senior in theater arts with emphases in costume design and technology and makeup design and technology with minors in visual arts and nutrition. She designed the costumes for BYU's Water Sings Blue and Microburst Theater Festival 2015. She has worked as the assistant costume designer on BYU's Princess Academy, Our Town, and A Man for all Seasons. She currently tours with the Young Ambassadors as their student costumer.

Rebeca Wallin Young Company **Managing Director** 

From Provo, UT. Rebeca enjoys her work as Managing Director of Young Company and has fun with her husband Joel running a "Shakespeare for Kids" program during the summer at the Orem Library. She has three children who are growing up on Young Company theatre.

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