

Chicago Youth Shakespeare Presents

William Shakespeare's

As You Like It



at The Hairpin Art Center
2810 N. Milwaukee Ave., 2nd Floor

Adapted by Jeremy Ohringer & Manon Spadaro

THE CREATIVE TEAM

Youth Company Director
Jeremy Ohringer

Artistic Director
Manon Spadaro

Production Manager
Katie Langley

Set Design
Parker Barry
Summer Design Intern
Francis W. Parker

Administrative Intern
University of Chicago

Costume Coordinators
Samuela Nematchoua
Athena Sarpy
Artistic Apprentices
ChiArts

Videographer
Lucas Harris

Composer
Stephanie Carlin

Summer Film Intern
Hofstra University

Musicians
Lee May
Will Notini

DIRECTORS' NOTE

"BE NOT AFRAID OF GREATNESS"

This production is a testament to the creativity and hard work of this extraordinary group of young actors. Like the characters in *As You Like It*, who flee the familiar confines of courtly life in search of freedom, love, and understanding in the unknown Forest of Arden, these students have stepped courageously out of their element in pursuit of what we at CYS like to call "greatness". We believe that "greatness" comes out pursuing what you love, having the courage to share it with others, and learning to celebrate those things that connect to us one another through the process. Thank you for giving these young actors the opportunity to share what they love with you.

Our Mission

The mission of the CYS Youth Company program is to build community among high school students across diverse backgrounds through their work as an artistic ensemble.

Representing a variety of communities, ethnicities, cultures, and life experiences, CYS students are brought together through the works of William Shakespeare, whose universal stories and characters transcend time and cultural boundaries.

Our Artistic Process

At CYS, our process begins and ends with ensemble. Working collectively to take creative risks and make strong choices on stage requires a safe and supportive creative foundation fueled by collaboration, innovation, and diversity of approaches and ideas. CYS students learn to incorporate a variety of training methods to their work, including The Viewpoints, Suzuki, and Meisner Technique. Throughout the process we encourage "play" or being present and reactive in the moment, while letting the text guide us to the heart of the story.

The Players

Sophia Carlin (Celia) is an incoming junior at Oak Park River Forest High School.

Diata Coleman (Silvius) is an incoming senior at Chicago High School for the Arts.

Celine Dirkes (Jacques) is a 2014 graduate of Wheeling High School. She will attend Rutgers University this fall.

Jesse Granato (Touchstone) is a 2014 graduate of Lincoln Park High School and will attend the University of Illinois at Chicago this fall.

Krystiana Habiger (Corin/Jacques de Boys) is an incoming freshman at Neuqua High School.

Bailey Lawrence (Le Belle/Audrey) is an incoming sophomore at Lake Forest High School.

Mari'jae (MJ) Moore (Phebe) is an incoming junior at Kenwood Academy High School.

Samuela Nematchoua (Duchess Frederica/Sir Oliver Martext) is a 2014 graduate of Chicago High School for the Arts. She will attend Boston College this fall.

Athena Sarpy (Duchess Senior) is a 2014 graduate of Chicago High School for the Arts. She will begin an internship with NBC in the fall.

Cameron Speta (Adam/William) is an incoming junior at North Shore Country Day School.

Freya Trefonides (Rosalind) is an incoming junior at Oak Park River Forest High School.

Booker Vance (Oliver) is an incoming senior at Kenwood Academy High School.

Charlie Weissglass (Orlando) is a 2014 graduate of Oak Park River Forest High School. He will attend Carnegie Mellon University in the fall.

Arianna Zielinski (Charles/Amiens) is an incoming sophomore at Chicago High School for the Arts.

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