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DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS

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CHARLESTON/MATTOON STUDENTS TO APPEAR IN E.I.U. PRODUCTION

Nine area students will appear in the upcoming Eastern Illinois University Theatre production of Shakespeare's rustic revel, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Performances are scheduled at 8:00 p.m. April 22, 23, 29 and 30 with matinee performances at 2:00 p.m. April 24 and May 1, 1977.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" contains some of Shakespeare's most lyrically lovely poetry and most frolicsome comedy. The sylvan idyl which swings from robust horseplay to delicate fancy contains such famous situations as when the beautiful queen of the fairies, bewitched by a spell, grows tenderly amorous toward Bottom, the loutish weaver, who has been magically transmuted to have an ass's head on his shoulders, and the confusions of the four lovers whose affections are swerved by a love potion that the impish Puck mismanages.

Those in the cast from the area are: John Eckert, a fairy; Julia Grant, Peaseblossom; Nancy Hunt, Moth; Barry Johnson, as Philostrate; Patrick Richardson, Puck; Nancy Stillions, Hermia; Katie Sullivan, Titania, Queen of the Fairies; Cindi Switzer, as Hippolyta; and Janet Fox as The Fairy.

The comedy's total mood of lightness and spontaneity is being attended to by Gerald Sullivan as the play's director and Nancy Paule is designing the costumes of the mortal visitors and the fairy dwellers of this woodland idyl. C.P. Blanchette is providing the background of the moonlit aisles of the enchanted forest and the Duke's palace where the revel ends.

Tickets for the production become available Monday, April 18 at the Fine Arts Ticket Office in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Reservations can be made by phoning 581-3110 or tickets may be purchased at the Ticket Office Monday thru Friday between 1 and 5 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for youth and \$1.00 for students.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be performed in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Theatre in conjunction with the Eastern Illinois University School of Fine Arts "Celebration '77: A Festival of the Arts."