

THE STORY OF
A MIDSUMMER
NIGHT'S DREAM

"Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind, and therefore is winged Cupid painted blind." – William Shakespeare

Act I: An estuary and under the sea

Hermia is engaged to wed Lysander. Demetrius seeks Hermia's affection. But Helena is madly in love with Demetrius.

In the ocean lies King Oberon and Queen Titania, rulers of the fairies. King Oberon enjoys mischief. He orders his sprite, Puck to create all sorts of romantic havoc within the mortal and fairy worlds. With the dust of a magic flower, Puck and Oberon cast spells on the lovers, making many follies and fumbles along the way.

Puck accidentally sprinkles the flower dust on Lysander, who falls in love with Helena. This distresses Helena. She only has eyes for Demetrius. Now Hermia is also heartbroken.

Titania is lulled to sleep, and the spell is cast upon her, as Bottom (a wayward artisan whose head has been changed into that of a manatee) is brought to her chamber.

She wakes up and finds herself hysterically smitten with Bottom, whose only interest is to eat seagrass.

In the meantime, Demetrius and Lysander engage in an intense battle over the women.

Hippolyta, the fierce Queen of the Amazons leads a charge of warrior seahorses into the Court of Athens. The King of Athens, Theseus, is impressed by her prowess and the two are engaged to be wed.

Oberon and Puck set out to reverse the spells. The lovers are placed together while they slumber – Lysander with Hermia, and Demetrius with Helena. When they awake, they are in love with their intended partners and a triple wedding is planned.

Act II: At the Court of Athens (the Coral Castle)

A grand wedding between Theseus and Hippolyta, Hermia and Lysander, and Helena and Demetrius ensues in a display of grand pageantry, dancing, and merriment. Meanwhile in fairyland the spell on Titania is reversed, and King and Queen of the Fairies are in love once again.

As Puck leaves us to embrace the magic of love.

