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## **Mischief, Magic & Misadventure Abound In Coastal City Ballet's *A Midsummer Night's Dream***

***Shakespeare's play is delightfully re-imagined in new, full-length ballet***

VANCOUVER, BC – **Coastal City Ballet**, a pre-professional ballet company established in the fall of 2011, presents a newly commissioned choreographic vision of Shakespeare's ***A Midsummer Night's Dream***, **May 5 at 7:30pm at The ACT in Maple Ridge** and **May 7 at 7:30pm at The Centennial Theatre in North Vancouver**. Set to Felix Mendelssohn's beautiful music, the enchanting full-length ballet is choreographed by Irene Schneider, former Artistic Director of Germany's Magdeburg Ballet, and features students from throughout the Lower Mainland.

"Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is among his most beloved plays," says Li Yaming, CCB Artistic Director. "His beautiful words dance on the page with their depictions of impassioned lovers, graceful fairies, and harrowing forest chases. With this production, we aim to translate the elegance of his language into the joyous, expressive form that is dance."

Perfect for families and children of all ages, Coastal City Ballet's full-length version of the adventurous tale features lavish sets, spritely costumes, and Felix Mendelssohn's utterly enchanting score. The ballet will be brought to life by the Coastal City Ballet company dancers, as well as local dance students from throughout the Lower Mainland who auditioned for the opportunity to dance alongside aspiring dance artists.

The ballet's story is one of magic, mischief, and mistaken identities. Two sets of lovers have fled the city for the forest where they become entangled in a lover's quarrel between the Fairy King and Queen. Matters swiftly become more complicated with the introduction of the incorrigible Puck, a haphazardly applied love potion, and a crew of rough craftsmen attempting to rehearse a play. In the end, naturally, love conquers all and each character enjoys their happy ending.

To create the playful, magical work, Coastal City Ballet has commissioned Irene Schneider, former Artistic Director of Germany's Magdeburg Ballet. Schneider previously worked with Coastal City Ballet when she created last year's production of *Hansel and Gretel*, which played to audience acclaim in Maple Ridge and North Vancouver.

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### **About Coastal City Ballet**

Coastal City Ballet is a pre-professional ballet company located in Vancouver, BC, providing young aspiring dancers with professional-level performance and training opportunities in preparation for a career in dance. Company members maintain a rigorous training schedule modeled on that of professional ballet company with daily class, rehearsals, and scheduled performances throughout the season.

Coastal City Ballet's repertoire includes neoclassical and classical ballet commissions, as well the development of story ballets, and contemporary works.

The artistic staff is led by Artistic Director Li Yaming, and is comprised of well-known and highly respected dance professionals from throughout North America, Europe, and Asia. Coastal City Ballet is honored to have Johnny W. Chang, of Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet, among others, on its Artistic Advisory Committee.

Learn more at: [www.coastalcityballet.com](http://www.coastalcityballet.com)

### **LISTING INFORMATION**

### **COASTAL CITY BALLET PRESENTS *A Midsummer Night's Dream***

#### **MAPLE RIDGE**

Date:

Sunday, May 5, 7:30pm

Ticket prices:

\$30 Adults, \$22 Students/Seniors  
Group discounts available

Address:

ACT Maple Ridge  
11944 Haney Place  
Maple Ridge, BC

Box Office:

[www.theactmapleridge.org](http://www.theactmapleridge.org) or 604.476.2787

#### **NORTH VANCOUVER**

Date:

Tuesday, May 7, 7:30pm

Ticket prices:

\$30 Adults, \$22 Students/Seniors  
Group discounts available

Address:

Centennial Theatre  
2300 Lonsdale Avenue  
North Vancouver, BC V7M 3L1

Box Office:

[www.centennialtheatre.com](http://www.centennialtheatre.com) or 604.984.4484

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