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Love also blooms between Benedick (Robbie Simpson) of Padua and companion of Don Pedro (Lowell Byers), and Beatrice (Meaghan Boeing) who is Leonato's niece. Their romance also faces obstacles; first off, he is a sworn bachelor.

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Putting Shakespeare's comic "Much Ado About Nothing" in the round at the Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre was an inspired move, whether or not other factors forced its placement there.

The USD/Globe production plays through Nov. 17, under the assured direction of James Newcomb.

Set In Messina, "Much Ado" is about two sets of lovers. Claudio (Stephen Hu), companion of Don Pedro (Lowell Byers), Prince of Aragon, is soon to marry Hero (Allison Layman), daughter of Leonato, the governor of Messina (Kushtrim Hoxha), but they will be the victims of a nefarious plot to sabotage their plans. The villain is Don Pedro's "bastard prince" brother, Don John (Adam Gerber).

The the other pair – Beatrice (Meaghan Boeing) and Benedick (Robbie Simpson) – are verbal sparring partners obviously made for each other who need outside intervention to end their "merry war" and realize their destiny.

Sean Fanning's set, full of flower beds and shrubs, offers ample opportunities for Beatrice and Benedick to "hide" while their romance is set up by friendly conspirators. And inspired direction will reveal other "hiding places" close by. And in the round, the audience almost becomes a group of merry co-conspirators.

Adding to the hilarity are Messina's constable Dogberry (Adam Gerber), whose lengthy malaprop-laden soliloquies simultaneously confound his friends and amuse us spectators, and partner Verges (Lindsay Brill), with a stance a bit reminiscent of Groucho Marx.

The cast is uniformly fine, but outstanding are Boeing's Beatrice, Simpson's Benedick and Gerber, evil as villain Don John and hilarious as Dogberry. Credit costume designer Elisa Benzoni in part: that costume has to be seen to be believed.

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Stephen Hu as Claudio and Allison Layman as Hero in "Much Ado About Nothing."

Her costumes for the rest of the characters are just a revelatory.

Newcomb has added a gypsy singer/dancer to the cast – the graceful Megan M. Storti – to handle the well known songs like

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"Sigh No More" and to add a few dance steps.

Speaking of dance, choreographer Amanda Penaloza-Banks also manages to fit some spirited group dances into the small playing space.

Set in Italy, "Much Ado" is always a crowd-pleaser. Newcomb plays that up with a bit of top-of-the-show dialogue in Italian – and by including a few references to everyone's favorite Italian confection, gelato.

That's how this production goes down – like a smooth and tasty dish of gelato.

#### The details

"Much Ado About Nothing" plays through Nov. 17 at The Old Globe's Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way in Balboa Park.

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#### **Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre**

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Shakespeare loves to build a scene or a state of mind, then flip it, in a heartbeat, to its opposite. In the olden days, this was called a *volte face* — an about face — where everything gets spun around.

The Bard's most famous is in *The Winter's Tale*, which the Old Globe will stage next year. King Leontes goes from zero to 200 without shifting gears, and blasts his faithful wife with hellfire. I've never read an adequate explanation for his vein-bulging outburst.

Another great one's in Much Ado. Naïve Claudio is about to marry chaste Hero. Comedies usually end here. It's that moment at a wedding when all the preparations have come together, the bride and groom face each other, and everyone can exhale, "finally."

This scene's the highlight of the USD/Old Globe Grad. Program's production.



Director James Newcomb begins with a stately processional. Ladies in waiting, in Elisa Benzoni's ethereal costumes, dapple the stage with large white petals. The men arrive, soldiers in full dress blues, and dark-feathered helmets. And everyone settles in.

But Claudio goes off script. He shouts "no." He accuses Hero of infidelity. Everyone in attendance goes so cold blank negative it's as if doubt had lurked there all along.

When he hears about the conflict, the Prince shouts, "O day untowardly turned." That's *Much Ado*, which "untowardly" turns throughout like a spinning coin.

Robbie Simpson and Meaghan Boeing head the cast as Benedick and Beatrice, as witty in their anti-courtship as Petrucchio and Kate are blunt in *Shrew*.

Beatrice and Benedick vow to love "no more than reason" – yikes, what an adult concept! Simpson and Boeing modulate so gracefully into that mature view, their characters might succeed after all.

As poor Hero, Allison Layman is achingly innocent; her *volte face* at the altar's so crushing one wonders how Hero won't be psychologically damaged for life.

Though some in the cast tend to rush their lines, Tyler Kent's wise Friar and Lindsay Brill's adamant Antonia, ring true. And Lowell Byers is a well-spoken Don Pedro, victorious over his brother, the admittedly evil Don John, and defeated in his silent campaign for the heart of Beatrice.

Adam Gerber does impressive double duty; he spins the coin throughout, in fact, with a believably vile Don John — terse, frigid, exuding hatred — in one scene, then pretentious, gravely goofy, and very funny as Dogberry, an Italian take on Peter Sellers' Inspector Clouseau, in another.

The director has encouraged an Italian flavor throughout: snippets of the language to set the stage, flying wine glasses and cameos of gelato, and Sean Fanning's sun-baked, golden marble courtyard, framed by flowers in bloom.

A gypsy-like Megan M. Storti acts as a guide. She sings beautifully and, right at the beginning, shows us how to follow the play by pointing to her eye.

Elizabethan historians say that "nothing" and "noting" had the same pronunciation. "Noting" meant more than just watching on autopilot. It meant looking closer, seeing through externals, and "taking note" of a person's inner character.

The only one who does it is the Friar. He sees through the starts and spins of popular opinion. If he didn't the much ado would have ended far otherwise.

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#### Much Ado About Nothing, Old Globe, San Diego



Stephen Hu and Allison Layman in The Old Globe/University of San Diego Graduate Theatre Program's "Much Ado About Nothing" Photo by JT MacMillan

By William Shakespeare
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Judging by The Old Globe/University of San Diego Graduate Theatre Program's production of "Much Ado About Nothing," we have a fine group of young actors we'll be enjoying for many years to come.

Set in Messina, the play revolves around two couples: the loving pair of Claudio (Stephen Hu) and Hero (Allison Layman), and the warring couple of Beatrice (Meaghan Boeing) and Benedick (Robbie Simpson). Recently returned from the war, Claudio, at Don Pedro's (Lowell

Byers) encouragement, successfully courts Hero. Meanwhile, fellow soldier Benedick expresses his disdain for women in general and Beatrice in particular. She mirrors his hostility.

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From there, two separate plots unfold, one to make Benedick and Beatrice fall in love and the other, concocted by Don Pedro's

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bastard brother, Don John (Adam Gerber), to sully Hero's reputation and destroy the marriage before it starts. Mischief both light and dark.

Despite its archaic notion of "reputation," "Much Ado" is a happy study in crisp repartee with some broad physical humor. For the play to work, Beatrice and Benedick must be firing on all cylinders, and happily they do. Boeing is a particularly saucy Beatrice, taking tremendous joy at each subsequent jibe at Benedick, or anyone else for that matter.

Don John's plot is inadvertently unraveled by constable Dogberry (also Adam Gerber). Again, the play can't hit any heights without hilarity from Dogberry, the overbearing and undereducated peace officer, and Gerber delivers.

Other highlights include Charlotte Bydwell as Ursula and half of the night watch (inexplicably dressed in nun habits) and Erin Elizabeth Adams as the conflicted Margaret.

The MFA productions are scaled back versions of the Globe's mainline plays. Still, the garden set is well done, complete with mossy smell. Newcomb's direction is simple and to the point, and the Dogberry scenes are quite funny, if lacking in nuance. Overall, the young cast does an excellent job from beginning to end.

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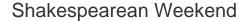
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### A Shakespearean Weekend

Seen on Friday, Moxie's *Skinless* doesn't count. Readers may find my review of that show in this week's *Gay San Diego*.

I'm talking about the Shakespeare productions I saw Saturday and Sunday. The first was Falstaff by Giuseppe Verdi – that opera based on Shakespeare's The Merry Wives of Windsor and Henry IV, Parts I and II, requires travel to **Los Angeles Opera**. The second, Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing, requires no travel other than to **Balboa Park**, where it is seen in the Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre, played by Globe/USD actors directed by James Newcomb. Readers have seen these young actors before, many in the Old Globe Shakespeare Festival. Now they get to play all the roles, leading and otherwise, in one of the Bard's most wonderful comedies. There was a near capacity audience at the Globe Sunday night. Not so at L.A. Opera Saturday night.

#### Falstaff

My learned companion returned from the interval chuckling. He heard an audience member declare that this is *not* one of Verdi's best operas. *Au contraire, mon chéri,* even Wikipedia sings the praises of the master's final opera, calling it "one of the supreme comic operas which show Verdi's genius as a contrapuntist [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Counterpoint]."

Blakeley, with costumes and scenery designed by Adrian Linford, and lighting design by Rick Fisher. Grant Gershon is chorus master.

Readers have several opportunities to get to the Music Center to see this fine production: 7:30 pm Wednesday, Nov. 13, Saturday, Nov. 16 and Thursday, Nov. 21, plus 2 pm Sundays, Nov. 24 and Dec. 1. The Music Center is located at 135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles. More info: http://www.laopera.org/[http://www.laopera.org/Falstaff?gclid=COvfndqk2LoCFWqCQgod80sA\_A]

#### The "Real" Shakespeare

Arrigo Boito is the librettist of *Falstaff*. Pure Shakespeare (kinda) was presented Sunday night as the **Globe/USD MFA actors** enacted Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* – the "merry war" of words and wills between the returning soldier Benedick (Robbie Simpson) and Messina Governor Leonato's niece, Beatrice (Meaghan Boeing). Meanwhile, another returning soldier, Claudio (Stephen Hu), has already decided his heart's desire is Leonato's daughter, Hero (Allison Layman). Among the other soldiers is the anti-hero of the piece, Don John, bastard brother of the troupe's leader. In order to ruin the young couple's happiness Don John dupes Don Pedro and Claudio into believing that Hero is untrue. During the wedding ceremony Claudio denounces the sweet maiden at the altar. She faints and Leonato and the priest allow the others to believe she is dead. Don John's dastardly plot is revealed when Constable Dogberry, master of Malapropisms, and his incompetent assistant, Verges, overhear Don John's co-conspirators, Conrade and Borachio, talk about the woman switch that effected the ruse. The play ends with evil punished and goodness rewarded. A perfect introduction to Shakespeare, Newcomb's production clocks in at around 2 ½ hours; thus, a great many patrons had children and grandchildren in tow.



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Stephen Hu, Robbie Simpson, Lowell Byers and Kushtrim Hoxha

The young actors are exemplary in attractiveness and eloquence (Jan Gist is voice and speech coach). Quick-change artists and comedians par excellence are Adam Gerber, who plays Don

John and Dogberry, and Lindsay Brill, who portrays Leonato's sister, Antonia (usually his brother, Antonio) and Verges. The rest of the Messina Watch is enlivened by a bit of physical shtick and by Charlotte Bydwell and Megan M. Storti, attired as nuns. During his two years in the MFA program, Gerber has proven himself an excellent physical comedian. Watching him is a joy.

Others in the company are Lowell Byers as Don Pedro; Kushtrim Hoxha as Leonato; Erin Elizabeth Adams as Margaret; Tyler Kent as the Friar; Jamal Douglas as Conrade; and Patrick Zeller as Borachio.



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The company at the happy denouement

The comedy is played upon Sean Fanning's scrumptious set, in Elisa Benzoni's period costumes (loved the men's feathered helmets), all lighted by Chris Rynne. Choreography is by Amanda Penaloza-Banks with movement coached by Brian Byrnes. Of particular interest is Kevin Anthenill sound design, sprinkled with music appropriately suggestive of Arab and Byzantine influences with a bit of Romany thrown in for good measure.



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Adam Gerber as Constable Dogberry

Much Ado About Nothing continues Tuesday through Sunday, Nov. 12-17, at the Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre, Conrad Prebys Theatre Center, Old Globe, Balboa Park, \$16-\$19, www.theoldglobe.org [http://www.theoldglobe.org/] or (619) 23-GLOBE.

This coming week on the Blog, I'll report on Broadway San Diego's Evita, Malashock Raw, a vocal recital at San Diego State, and Stephen Metcalfe's new play, The Gift Teller, at Scripps Ranch Theater. The following week, I'll pay another visit to L.A. Opera for their production of Mozart's The Magic Flute, report on San Diego Symphony with Jon Kimura Parker, see a new work by Fernando Vega at UCSD, and will return for the umpteenth time to the annual Old Globe Grinch.

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The Old Globe and USD Graduate Theatre Program production of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" took the Sheryl and Harvey Theatre Stage by storm. A Shakespearean comedy about the follies of young love, "Much Ado About Nothing" follows the lives of two couples – Beatrice played by Meghan Boeing and Benedick played by Robbie Simpson and Allison Layman as Hero and Lowell Byers as Claudio.

The story transpires in Messina, a port on Sicily, Italy. The set takes the audience directly to Italy and leaves them in a classic Italian garden throughout the entire play. There are various shades of green, beautiful flowers and a big open space where branches and leaves suspend over the cast. It's very easy to immerse oneself in the play. The actors use every inch of the theater making grand entrances and exits through the aisles. They even take advantage of empty seats in the audience.

The relationship between Beatrice and Benedick is certainly not love at first sight, but with a push from some meddlesome friends, the two grow fond of one another. Boeing and Simpson do an excellent job of portraying Beatrice and Benedick. They seem to be the perfect fit for these wildly strong characters, as there was no break in persona from scene to scene. Beatrice is a smart and stubborn young woman who stands by what she says and has a witty comeback for everything. Her character commands respect and anything less is beneath her. Benedick is arrogant and boastful, but loveable. His character uses sarcasm and wit to charm the audience. Beatrice and Bendick are an unlikely pair whose relationship withstands a tumultuous five acts.

A Shakespearean comedy wouldn't be right without a little bit of humor. The play is full of one-liners that evoke laughter and amusement throughout the audience.

"Your silence most offends me, and to be merry best becomes you; for, out of question, you were born in a merry hour," Don Pedro said.

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Beatrice then frankly replies, "No, sure, my lord, my mother cried."



Characters like Dogberry, played by Adam Gerber, contribute to the chaotic comedy in this play. Dogberry is the most outrageous character, generating the most laughter. Gerber made the audience love his character through his playfulness and exaggeration of lines. Dogberry's sidekick, Verges, was also funny. He was shy, meek and awkward, making him the perfect companion to balance Gerber's boisterous character.

Old English may be the primary style of the play, but that does not bar the relevance of the plot and characters to people today. The storyline is that of a typical love story but the characters are pulled from everyday life. Claudio is the shy best friend who is hopelessly in love. Hero is the sweet and innocent cousin who knows how to keep a secret. Leonato is the overprotective uncle. The characters draw the audience into their world through their connection with one another.

The Old Globe's version of "Much Ado About Nothing" was phenomenal. It was unpredictable in both its comedic moments and dramatic monologue. The actors are loyal to the characters, relaying each and every word with passion. Catch the final performance of "Much Ado About Nothing" Nov. 17 at 8 p.m..

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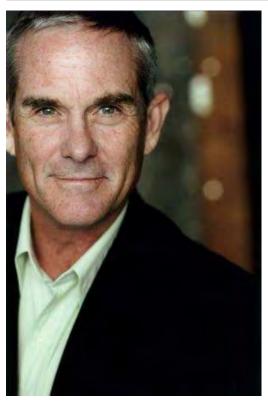
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The Old Globe today announced that it will present The Old Globe/University of San Diego Graduate Theatre Program's production of William Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing, directed by James Newcomb, Nov. 9 - Nov. 17, 2013 in the Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre, part of the Globe's Conrad Prebys Theatre Center. Opening night is Nov. 9 at 8:00 p.m. The full cast and creative team will be announced at a later date.

Tickets to Much Ado About Nothing are currently available to subscribers only and will go on sale to the public on Sunday, Aug. 18 at 12 noon. Tickets can be purchased online at www.TheOldGlobe.org, by phone at (619) 23-GLOBE or by visiting the Box Office at 1363 Old Globe Way in Balboa Park.

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LOCATION: The Old Globe is located in San Diego's Balboa Park at 1363 Old Globe Way. There are numerous free parking lots available throughout the park. Valet parking is also available (\$10). For additional parking information visit www.BalboaPark.org.

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Pictured: Director James Newcomb. Newcomb will direct The Old Globe/University of San Diego Graduate Theatre Program production of Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing in the Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre Nov. 9 - 17, 2013. Photo courtesy of The Old Globe.

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By Carey Purcell 24 Oct 2013

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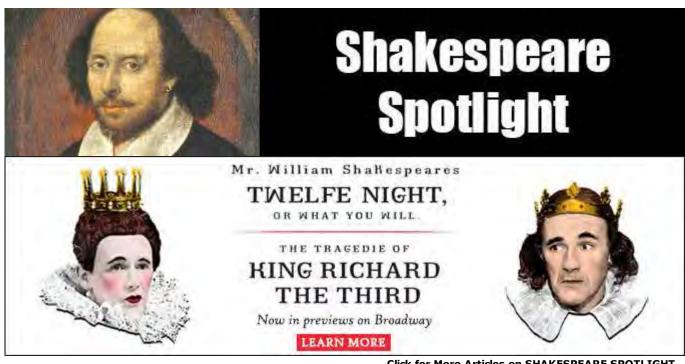
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Director James Newcomb previously directed The Old Globe/USD Graduate Theatre Program's A Midsummer Night Dream and the Summer Shakespeare Intensive production of Much Ado About Nothing. He recently played Juror 7 in Twelve Angry Men and Stephano in The Tempest (Utah Shakespeare Festival), and this last spring he played The Duke in Robert Falls' acclaimed production of Measure for Measure (Goodman Theatre). His other recent credits include playing Appomantus in Timon of Athens opposite Ian McDiarmid as Timon (Chicago Shakespeare Theater), and George in Zoot Suit (San Diego Repertory Theatre). He spent 14 seasons with Oregon Shakespeare Festival, seven with Denver Center Theatre Company, two with Utah Shakespeare Festival, three with Shakespeare & Company, and four with Shakespeare Santa Cruz, and he has worked with Arizona Theatre Company, South Coast Repertory, Intiman Theatre, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Geva Theatre, New York Shakespeare Festival, and Syracuse Stage. His Shakespeare roles include Iago, Richard III, Coriolanus, Oberon, Puck, Bolingbroke, Laertes, Touchstone, Feste, Dogberry, Benedick, Romeo, Grumio, Tranio, Caliban, and Thersites. His other roles include Treat in Orphans, Hero in The Rehearsal, Gary in Noises Off, and Leslie in The Hostage (Drama Logue Award, Denver Theatre Critics Award, and Oxford Society Award for Artistic Excellence). He has directed Found a Peanut, Lone Star, and True West(National Theatre Conservatory at Denver Center). He served as resident fight director for seven seasons at Oregon Shakespeare Festival and fight director for The Old Globe, Denver Center, La Jolla Playhouse, San Diego Opera, four seasons at Shakespeare Santa Cruz, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, and Chicago Shakespeare Theater.

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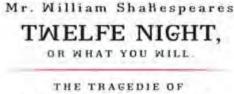
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MEAGHAN BOEING (Beatrice) was most recently seen in the 2013 Old Globe Shakespeare Festival. She has also appeared in The Old Globe/USD M.F.A. Program productions of Measure for Measure and Tartuffe. Her regional credits include Imagine (South Coast Repertory), Master Class (The Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum), Man of La Mancha (A Noise Within), Surf Orpheus (Getty Villa), and various productions with The Antaeus Company, as well asKing Lear, The Two Gentlemen of Verona, As You Like It, The Misanthrope, Sunday in the Park with George, The Pirates of Penzance, The Sound of Musicand a world premiere translation of Don Juan. Boeing has appeared in national commercials and independent films, performs vocal music of various styles and is a teacher of piano and voice.

LINDSAY BRILL (Antonia, Verges) most recently appeared in the New Jersey premiere of Font of Knowledge (Art House Productions). In New York, she has originated roles in several plays including The Bear (Theatre Row), The Big Not Knowing and Doppelganger (The Actors Studio), and Four Better or Worse (Theatre for the New City). Brill performed in the solo show Testify! at The Payan Theatre and won the Festival Award for her performance. She has also worked in various other theatres in New York City including The Ensemble Studio Theatre, Prospect Theater Company, Nora's Playhouse and New York Theatre Workshop. Last year, she performed in the Chicago Women's Funny Festival. Brill has appeared in several independent films and web series including the feature film Dragonchaser and the new web series Annie and Brie.

CHARLOTTE BYDWELL (Ursula) began her career as a dancer with Monica Bill Barnes Company and Keigwin + Company, performing at Jacob's Pillow Dance, American Dance Festival, La Jolla Playhouse, and The Joyce Theater, among others. She went on to join the resident Acting Company at The Flea Theater and played an important role in their highly acclaimed production of Sean Graney's These Seven Sicknesses directed by Ed Iskandar. Bydwell was also a resident actor at the 2012 Williamstown Theatre Festival where she appeared in The Importance of Being Earnest directed by David Hyde Pierce and as Vera in A Month in the Country directed by Richard Nelson. She was most recently seen in New York City performing her one-woman show, Woman of Leisure and Panic, as part of the New York International Fringe Festival. After its debut in the eighth annual soloNOVA Arts

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JAMAL DOUGLAS (Conrade, Messenger) has previous appeared in The Lysistrata Project (Simpatico Theatre Project), A Midsummer Night's Dream(Delaware Shakespeare Festival), Joe Turner's Come and Gone (Plays & Players), Superior Donuts (Arden Theatre Company), Living News (National Constitution Center), and others.

Adam Gerber (Don John, Dogberry) was last seen in The Old Globe's productions of A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Merchant of Venice, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, and Pygmalion and The Old Globe/USD production of Measure for Measure. His New York credits include As You Like It and the Off Broadway revival of Lebensraum (Harold Clurman Lab Theatre). He has also worked in Tokyo, Japan on Hikobae (The Actors Clinic, Will Do). Gerber has performed in numerous other productions including Sex and the Holy Land (New York International Fringe Festival) and Much Ado About Nothing, Macbeth, Twelfth Night, In the Boom Boom Room, and Dancing at Lughnasa (Stella Adler Studio of Acting), and he has been featured in various national commercials.

Kushtrim Hoxha (Leonato) was recently seen in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, and The Merchant of Venice at The Old Globe's 2013 Shakespeare Festival, as well as Tartuffe and Measure for Measure with The Old Globe/USD M.F.A. Program. He has appeared inRock 'n' Roll, King Lear, Sun Monkey, The Glass Menagerie, and Hamlet (National Theater of Kosovo), Senior Carrar's Rifles and Scapin's Deceits(Professional Theater of Gjakova), Patriotic Hypermarket (Bitef Theater, Belgrade), Yue Madeline Yue (Multimedia Center, Kosovo and Volkstheater, Vienna), and Hamlet (Children's Theatre of Charlotte). He has performed in numerous theater festivals such as Festival Iberoamericano in Columbia, Mess Festival in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ex-Ponto Festival in Slovenia, VIE Scena Contemporanea Festival in Italy, ASSITEJ Festival in Sweden, Dezire Festival in Serbia, Durban Theatre Festival in South Africa, Skupi Festin Macedonia, and SKENA UP Festival in Kosovo. He is the cofounder of Teatri Urban Theater Company in Prishtina, Kosovo. His film and television credits include Human Zoo, I Need You, and "Familja Moderne."

Stephen Hu (Claudio) was last seen in A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Merchant of Venice, and Rosencrantz and Guilderstern Are Dead for The Old Globe's 2013 Shakespeare Festival. He also recently appeared in The Old Globe/USD M.F.A. Program's Tartuffe and Measure for Measure. His other credits include Los Angeles productions of Macbeth and Richard III (The Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum) and in the title role of Ching Chong Chinaman(Artists at Play). His Bay Area credits include Over the Asian Airwaves (Ferocious Lotus Theatre Company), Concerning Strange Devices from the Distant West (Berkeley Repertory Theatre), and Beijing, CA (Asian American Theater Company).

TYLER KENT (Friar, Sexton) recently appeared as Trofimov in The Cherry Orchard for the Eugene O'Neill Foundation. His other credits include Mary Zimmerman's The Arabian Nights (Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Kansas City Repertory Theatre), Much Ado About Nothing in Central Park (Extant Arts Company), A Doctor in Spite of Himself and The Lieutenant of Inishmore (Berkeley Rep), Seymour in Little Shop of Horrors (Broadway By the Bay),

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Repertory Theatre). He is a regular collaborator with PlayGround, Northern California's foremost playwright incubator. This spring Kent originated the role of Pierre in the New York workshop of Kim Sherman and Darrah Cloud's musicalMakeover (Demos Bizar Entertainment). His cabaret shows, Nobody's Hart and Give Me the Simple Life, directed by Karen Lynn Carpenter, toured China in 2009 and 2011.

Allison Layman (Hero) was a member of the Globe's 2013 Shakespeare Festival company and appeared indoors as Parlor Maid in last season's Pygmalion and as Francisca in the Globe/USD M.F.A. production of Measure for Measure. She spent two years as a company member of The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, performing in The Comedy of Errors, Timon of Athens, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Julius Caesar, and Macbeth. Her other regional work includes Petra in An Enemy of the People (Playhouse on Park) and a wide range of roles in productions at the Monomoy Theatre in Chatham, Massachusetts.

Robbie Simpson (Benedick) was most recently seen in The Old Globe's 2013 Shakespeare Festival productions of A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Merchant of Venice, and Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead directed by Adrian Noble. His other Globe credits include Freddy Eynsford Hill in the 100th anniversary production of Pygmalion directed by 2013 Tony Award nominee Nicholas Martin. Simpson's Old Globe/USD M.F.A. Program credits include Measure for Measure and the staged reading of Once in a Lifetime. His U.K. and New York credits include Orlando in As You Like It (Shakespeare's Globe), A Class Act directed by Bob Moss (Playwrights Horizons) and Hanschen in Spring Awakening (Roy Arias). Simpson's selected regional credits include A Class Act (Berkshire Theatre Festival), Rent and Almost, Maine (Papermill Theatre), The Sisters Rosensweig and The House of Blue Leaves (New Century Theatre) and Miss Saigon, Inherit the Wind, The Sunshine Boys, and Lost in Yonkers (The Majestic Theatre). He has appeared on television in NBC's "30 Rock" and "Smash," Syfy's "Can You Survive a Horror Movie?" and numerous commercials.

MEGAN M. STORTI (Bazira, Watch) has appeared in ChicaGo Productions of The Liar (Writers' Theatre), As You Like It (Chicago Shakespeare Theater), The Woman in White and The City & the City (Lifeline Theatre), A Christmas Carol (Metropolis Performing Arts Centre), Marat/Sade (The Right Brain Project), Romeo and Juliet (Glass Onion Theatre), and Titus Andronicus (DreamLogic Theatreworks). Her other regional credits include Shakespeare Festival St. Louis, Illinois Shakespeare Festival, Heartland Theatre Company, Phoenix Theatre Ensemble, and Putnam County Playhouse.

PATRICK ZELLER (Borachio) previously appeared at the Globe in Richard Greenberg's The American Plan in 2008. Zeller's classical theater credits include The Mysteries (Shakespeare & Company), The Comedy of Errors (New York Classical Theatre), Edward II (Pet Brick Productions), Hamlet (Maine Shakespeare Festival), and Romeo and Juliet and Midsummer Night's Dream (Shakespeare Now! Theatre Company). Zeller has appeared on "Law & Order," "Medium," "All My Children," "One Life to Live," and "The Young and the Restless." He also co-starred in the award-winning feature film Virgin Alexander. His other film credits include No Reservations, End of the Spear and A Totally Minor Motion Picture.

Pictured: Director James Newcomb. Photo courtesy The Old Globe.

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The Old Globe presents The Old Globe/University of San Diego Graduate Theatre Program presentation of William Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing, continues through Nov. 17 in the Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre, part of the Globe's Conrad Prebys Theatre Center. Opening night is tonight, Nov. 9 at 8:00 p.m. Directed by James Newcomb, Much Ado About Nothing tickets can be purchased online at www.TheOldGlobe.org, by phone at (619) 23-GLOBE, or by visiting the Box Office. Check out a first look below!

Weaving wit, romance, and comedy, Much Ado About Nothing is a whirlwind race to the finish line of "happily ever after." Everyone can see that confirmed bachelor Benedick and headstrong Beatrice are meant for each other-except for Benedick and Beatrice themselves. Love may conquer all, but not without a few battles along the way, and the verbal sparring between these two lovers has never been so much fun to watch.

The cast features Erin Elizabeth Adams (Margaret), Meaghan Boeing (Beatrice), Lindsay Brill (Antonia, Verges), Charlotte Bydwell (Ursula), Lowell Byers (Don Pedro), Jamal Douglas (Conrade, Messenger), Adam Gerber (Don John, Dogberry), Kushtrim Hoxha (Leonato), Stephen Hu (Claudio), Tyler Kent (Friar, Sexton), Allison Layman (Hero), Robbie Simpson (Benedick), Megan M. Storti (Bazira, Watch), and Patrick Zeller (Borachio).

Tickets to Much Ado About Nothing can be purchased online at <a href="https://www.theOldGlobe.org">www.theOldGlobe.org</a>, by phone at (619) 23-GLOBE, or by visiting the Box Office at 1363 Old Globe Way in Balboa Park. Performances at the Sheryl and Harvey WhiteTheatre begin on Nov. 9 and continue through Nov. 17. Tickets are \$19. Performance times: Saturday, Nov. 9 at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 14 at 8:00 p.m., Friday, Nov. 15 at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Discounts are available for students, seniors, and groups of 10 or more.

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The production continues through Nov. 17 in the Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre.

Directed by James Newcomb, the cast features Erin Elizabeth Adams (Margaret), Meaghan Boeing (Beatrice), Lindsay Brill (Antonia, Verges), Charlotte Bydwell (Ursula), Lowell Byers (Don Pedro), Jamal Douglas (Conrade, Messenger), Adam Gerber (Don John, Dogberry), Kushtrim Hoxha (Leonato),

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"Weaving wit, romance, and comedy, Much Ado About Nothing is a whirlwind RELATED MEDIA: race to the finish line of 'happily ever after,'" press notes state. "Everyone can see that confirmed bachelor Benedick and headstrong Beatrice are meant for each other — except for Benedick and Beatrice themselves. Love may conquer all, but not without a few battles along the way, and the verbal sparring between these two lovers has never been so much fun to watch."

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The creative team includes Sean Fanning (scenic design), Elisa Benzoni (costume design), Chris Rynne (lighting design), Kevin Anthenill (sound design), Jan Gist (vocal coach), Brian Byrnes (movement), Amanda Penaloza (choreographer), Nicole Ries (stage manager) and Jesse Buck-Brennan (assistant stage manager).

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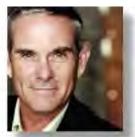
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James Newcomb, director of Much Ado About Nothing

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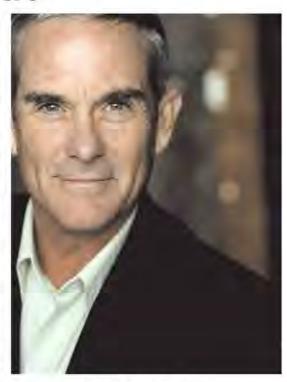


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"Much Ado About Nothing," by William Shakespeare, is directed by James Newcomb and runs from November 9 through November 17, 2013 at the Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre.

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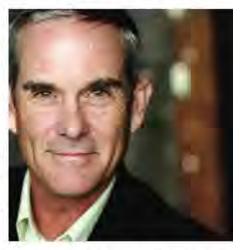
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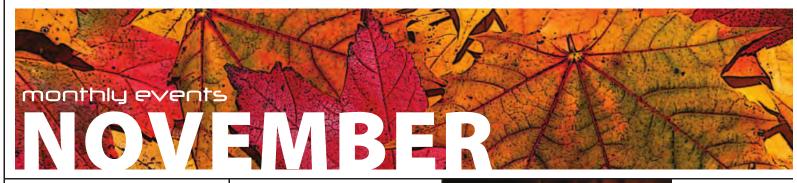


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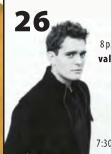


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