

# **MOTUS O dance theatre**

**Presents**

**William Shakespeare's**

## **A Midsummer Night's Dream**

### **NEWS RELEASE:**

#### **“MOTUS O puts the *play* in Shakespeare”**

Can there be love without lunacy? Four star-crossed lovers escape into the woods when mortal law thwarts their passions. There a hidden society of imps, elves and goblins, all ruled by the fairy queen and king, turns human longing on its ear! Text and movement merge seamlessly in MOTUS O's new adaptation of the well-loved family classic.

“A Midsummer Night's Dream” is a two-hour “mini-extravaganza” (Paula Citron – Globe and Mail) of Shakespeare's classic play, which is presented in a multi-disciplinary form including text, dance and video complete with original music. With a cast of eighteen performers “A Midsummer Night's Dream” will entertain both youth and adults alike.

“A Midsummer Night's Dream” has been adapted and coached by Karen Rickers; choreographed by James Croker, Cynthia Croker and Jack Langenhuizen with collaborators Lara Bernstein, Dahlia Steinberg, Jonathan Lawley, Lisa King and Lincoln Shand. Original music is by Spinfinity (Peter Jarvis and Paul Tedeschini); lighting design by Bonnie Armstrong; video creation/animation by Danny Wilson; costume designs by Cynthia Croker and prop and set design by James Croker.

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