

We Players
Presents
Midsummer of Love



At

**Golden Gate Park's Strawberry Hill,
San Francisco**

Performances:

June 22-25, July 6-9, 27-30

Tickets: \$40-80



**Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation
Area, El Sobrante**

Performances:

July 15 & 16, 22 & 23

Tickets: \$30-60



Adapted and Directed by Ava Roy
Assistant Directed by Nathaniel Justiniano

ALL WE NEED IS LOVE

A *Midsummer Night's Dream* like you've never seen before! Adapted by We Players' Ava Roy, and just in time for the fiftieth anniversary of the Summer of Love, this *Midsummer* is a dark and sexy romp into a strange Faeryland; an erotic comedy of consent, cruelty, and control.

Staged in two locations, Golden Gate Park's Strawberry Hill in San Francisco (June 22-25, July 6-9, 27-30) and **Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation Area in El Sobrante**, just 20 minutes north of Berkeley (July 15&16, 22&23), we leave the coastline that is present in so many of our productions and head into the verdant, lush, and luxurious forest, a Faeryland world full of wonders both luminous and darkly twisted. In classic We Players style, we invite our audiences to engage with all of their senses. Get your blood pumping as you hike up hills, then rest in the shade of trees and feel the moss underfoot, tune in to the gorgeous original musical score as well as quacking and splashing ducks from nearby Stow Lake, or hawks screeching overhead in Kennedy Grove, and savor luscious and juicy summer fruits provided by the devilishly seductive pucks.

"LORD WHAT FOOLS THESE MORTALS BE!"

A six person adaptation of Shakespeare's steamy, summery, all-time favorite! At first, you'll meet the four "mechanicals" (manual laborers who happen to also be amateur thespians) -- Bottom, Quince, Snug, and Flute -- following them into the forest where they plan to rehearse their play, *Pyramus and Thisbe*. But once in the woods, two wickedly mischievous pucks begin to work their magic, transforming the mechanicals into two pairs of lovers, and back again, delighting in the chaos of unexpected love pairings, all the while working out their own terrific and terrible fantasies. In the forest, anything can happen.

"OVER HILL, OVER DALE, THOROUGH BUSH, THOROUGH BRIER"

As with recent and ongoing collaborations at other National and State Park Sites (*Alcatraz Island 2009-2011, Fort Point 2013-2014, SF Maritime 2011-2017, Marin Headlands 2014, Sutro Baths/Land's End 2015, Petaluma Adobe 2016*) We Players entices visitors to environmentally rich, historically and culturally charged sites, and invites guests to experience these places with their senses awakened. "An essential goal of our work is to inspire in our audience personal relationships with the places in which we play," says Artistic Director Ava Roy. We're giddy with excitement to share this sexy and revelrous romp in the woods! **For our Golden Gate Park Strawberry Hill audiences: To explore this story of the original flower children fifty years after the Summer of Love in Golden Gate Park, a place so integral to and representative of the history and spirit of our city, is truly a site-integrated dream come true. For our Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation Area guests: After years of loyally trekking into San Francisco and even to the North Bay, we can't wait to reward our friends on the east side of the bay with a show on their home turf. And quite the turf it is: the hike to the summit is a rigorous 20 minute climb and not for the faint of heart! But the shady grove of live oaks is worth the trek!**

ABOUT WE PLAYERS

We Players was recently recognized by Backstage.com as [one of seven companies](#) around the globe producing groundbreaking immersive theatre. We Players was featured in [American Theatre Magazine's cover story on immersive theatre](#) and was honored by San Francisco Magazine with the "Best of the Bay" pick for their unique site-specific performance work noting, "We Players didn't just break the fourth wall, it toppled the whole playhouse." We Players has received several "Best of Bay" awards from the SF Weekly, including this mention in their 2015 award, "We Players actors have the ability to draw power out of their surroundings, channeling it into spectacular, immersive experiences for audience members unlike anything you'll see on Broadway."

We Players creates site-integrated performances that transform public spaces into realms of participatory theatre in an effort to engage with history and the environment, bips with place. Our work inspires, awakens the senses, and connects people with each other and the landscape. We Players is a Bay Area arts non-profit founded in 2000 at Stanford University by Ava Roy. For more information about We Players, please visit www.weplayers.org.

Calendar Listing Information

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Dates: June 22-25, July 6-9

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