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CAPE REP IN A CO-PRODUCTION WITH ÁSA THEATRE PRESENTS A NEW ADAPTATION OF SHAKESPEARE'S "MUCH ADO/ *about nothing*"

Cape Rep Theatre is excited to partner with ÁSA Theatre to present a new spin on one of Shakespeare's best loved comedies *MUCH ADO/ about nothing*, adapted and directed by Andy Adren-Reese, **opening Thursday, September 9th at 7:30 pm and playing Friday the 10th and Saturday the 11th at 7:30 pm and Sunday the 12th at 4 pm, Wednesday the 15th - Saturday the 18th at 7:30 pm, and Sunday the 19th at 4 pm**. Tickets are \$25, call the box office for reservations and information. Cape Rep Outdoor Theater. North Side Route 6A E. Brewster. 508.896.1888 or www.caperep.org.

About *MUCH ADO/ about nothing*

Adapted and Directed by Andy Arden-Reese
Scenic and Lighting Design by Michael Reese
Costume Design by Robin McLaughlin
Puppet Design by Charles Baldwin

One of Shakespeare's greatest comedies featuring perhaps his most bewitching, beguiling and biting couplings, *Much Ado About Nothing* tells the story of young lovers Hero and Claudio, playboy Benedick and headstrong Beatrice, and a cast of crazy characters in a tale filled with witty banter, false accusations, broken promises, and romance. But...what if Hero has agency from Act 1, Scene 1? What if the patriarchy is turned on its head? What if the villain is not who it seems? This is Shakespeare re-imagined, *Much Ado* shaken and stirred, told with creative and bold physical story telling.

The cast features a fabulous ensemble with Leanne McLaughlin as Hero, Ben Gutman as Claudio, J M Pina as Beatrice, Ari Lew as Benedick, Julie Allen Hamilton as Johanna, Jack Kerig as Leonato, Freddy Biddle as Pedro/Borachio/Friar and Kristin Stewart as Antonia.

About ÁSA Theatre

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Founded in 2015 by Andrea (Andy) Arden-Reese and Jenn Pina, ÁSA was born out of the desire to bring a collaborative group of theater artists together on Cape Cod who are committed to train rigorously, to innovate performance, to escape theatrical convention. The mission of ÁSA Theatre is two-fold. First, to create a lab for theater artists to deeply investigate, experiment, and explore the medium of theater. Second, to build a core ensemble of theater artists within the Cape Cod community to create provocative choreographic theater through a collaborative process.

All shows will be in Cape Rep's Outdoor Theater, 3299 Main Street, Brewster. **All Cape Rep staff and cast members have been fully vaccinated. Patrons who have been fully vaccinated will not be required to wear a mask for this production. We request patrons who are not vaccinated to please wear a mask.** For further information or to purchase tickets, contact the box office at 508.896.1888 or online at www.caperep.org.

Cape Rep's 2021 Outdoor Theater season opened with *Noises Off*, July 7 - August 21, followed by the regional premiere of *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* adapted by Dwayne Hartford from the award-winning book by Kate DiCamillo, August 24 - August 29. In our Courtyard is the world premiere of *Rock the Bard: Midsummer* conceived and written by Kate Pazakis, August 2 - August 16. Our daytime children's programs feature the world premiere of *The Fantastical House of Maya Mouse* by local playwright Holly Erin McCarthy, July 14 - September 2, and the charming *Puppets, Paul & Mary* July 6 - August 31.

Cape Cod Repertory Theatre Company, Inc. is a 501c3 organization, founded in 1986 as a company dedicated to creativity and professionalism. On seven acres of land in Nickerson State Park in Brewster, Massachusetts, Cape Rep Theatre is the steward of the beautiful land and historic buildings that are home to the company's three theaters, including the only outdoor theater on Cape Cod. Professional theater in an intimate setting.

Due to hurricane Henri we will be canceling tomorrow evening's, Saturday the 21st, performance of *Noises Off*. We apologize for any inconvenience. Stay Safe.