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William Shakespeare’s Shipwrecked Comedy-Musical ‘Twelfth Night’ Takes Place during Playwright’s 446th Birthday

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The University Theatre at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will present the William Shakespeare shipwrecked comedy “Twelfth Night” from Tuesday, April 20, through Sunday, April 25, in the Warren Theatre in the Center for the Arts. Performances are at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. The Friday, April 23, performance will celebrate William Shakespeare’s 446th birthday with cake and refreshments.

Often considered Shakespeare’s greatest comedy, “Twelfth Night” is a tale of separated twins, raucous humor and passionate love. The story, which begins in heartbreak and ends happily-ever-after, is set on the shores of a fantasy island of pirates and wenches, and follows Viola, Sebastian, Orsino, Olivia, Malvolio, and a cast of clowns as they explore “what they will.”

“Twelfth Night,” which was first performed in 1602, is arguably the most musical of all Shakespeare plays. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi actors and musicians Ian Williams and Cory Kosel have delved into the Shakespearean world of Renaissance-inspired music crafting a score tailor-made for the production. The play is directed by Alison Frost, visiting professor of theatre.

“From the pen of the world’s most celebrated playwright, ‘Twelfth Night’ is enchanting comic fun for the whole family,” said Frost.

Tickets are $8 for general admission; $7 for senior citizens and military; $5 for faculty/staff/students; and $3 for University students with their SandDollar$ ID. Tickets can be purchased online at http://theatre.tamucc.edu/. For more information, call the University Theatre box office at 361.825.5800.

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