

## A Midsummer Night's Dream – Activity Pack 2

There are four young people in Athens – Hermia, Helena, Lysander and Demetrius.

Hermia is in love with Lysander.

Lysander is in love with Hermia.

The problem is her Dad says she has to marry Demetrius.

Hermia and Lysander plan to run away together.

They tell her friend Helena.

Helena is in love with Demetrius.

Demetrius is in love with Hermia and he hates Helena.

Helena tells Demetrius about Hermia and Lysander running away.

They all end up in a magical forest – where there is lots going on.

A group of workmen are rehearsing a play for the Duke's wedding.

Oberon and Titania (King and Queen of the fairies) are arguing about a little boy.

Oberon hears Helena and Demetrius argue.

He gets his servant Puck to use a magic flower which when dropped into a person's eye makes them fall in love with the first thing they see.

It goes wrong.

Puck puts it in Lysander's eyes and he falls in love with Helena.

Puck plays a trick on the workmen by making one of them have a donkey's head.

Then he puts it in Titania's eyes and she falls in love with the donkey-man.

So, Lysander is in love with Helena. Hermia is in love with Lysander. Demetrius is in love with Hermia. Helena is in love with Demetrius.

What a mess!

Puck turns the workman back into a man.

More flower juice is used to make -

Lysander love Hermia and Hermia love Lysander

Demetrius love Helena and Helena love Demetrius

The Duke invites them to share his wedding day and the play is performed.



## ACTIVITIES

Imagine this was going to be made into a modern movie – how would you tell the story nowadays? What would you change the characters names to? Where would it be set – a forest? A house? The streets of a town? Somewhere totally different? What parts of the story would you keep and which parts would you change? Would you just pick out some of the story – perhaps the four young people who are all in love with different people? Or the powerful fairy couple who seem to be able to change things? Or all of them? Give it a go – outline your characters and setting below.....

Now you need to storyboard the main parts of your plot: to show the potential backers what your movie will involve, pick out key scenes.....


It's time to think about casting – who would you like to have playing the roles (I've used the names from the play but you can update this with the names you have chosen and simply cross out any characters you aren't including and there is space for new characters too)....

Role	Character Name	First Casting Choice	Second Casting Choice
Duke			
Duchess			
Hermia			
Helena			
Lysander			
Demetrius			
Oberon			
Titania			
Puck			
New role			
New role			
New role			

New role			
Start to think about some of the practical parts of making this into a movie – add your notes below.			
Director/Producer etc	Lighting	Settings/Locations	
Extras	Special effects	Music/Sound track	

What would the press release be to gain interest in your movie and encourage people to want to come and see it? Give it a go writing it below.