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## **Santa Cruz Shakespeare presents *Love's Labour's Lost***

*William Shakespeare's romantic comedy opens the 2018 Season on July 10, 2018*

**Santa Cruz, CA** – Santa Cruz Shakespeare is proud to present *Love's Labour's Lost* by William Shakespeare. The first play to open Santa Cruz Shakespeare's 2018 repertory season, this romantic and witty comedy previews July 10 through July 12, and opens on Friday, July 13 at 8:00 pm. All performances are at The Grove in DeLaveaga Park and run through September 2, 2018. A free grounding youth ticket is available with the purchase of an adult ticket.

One of Shakespeare's early comedies, *Love's Labour's Lost* follows the story of the King of Navarre and his three friends as they vow to swear off pleasures of the flesh and devote themselves to study. Madcap mayhem and wars of words unleash as the Princess of France and her lovely entourage arrives, wreaking hilarious havoc on their vows.

Artistic Director Mike Ryan shares his excitement for the first comedy of the Festival season, saying, "This 2018 season is a love letter to our community. It is organized around the inspiration you have given to us: Desire will not be denied. I cannot think of a better way to celebrate our fifth-year anniversary than a season that exemplifies what we are all about: creating great art and building community in the process.

*Love's Labour's Lost* is directed by Paul Mullins, whose productions with SCS include last season's runaway hit *The 39 Steps* and *Hamlet*, with the previous Shakespeare Santa Cruz *Henry V*. Scenic design is by Erik Flatmo costume design by Nikki Delhomme, lighting design by Kent Dorsey, and sound design and composition by Festival favorite Rody Ortega.

- WHAT:** *Love's Labour's Lost*  
By William Shakespeare, directed by Paul Mullins
- WHEN:** Previews: July 10-12, Opening: July 13 playing through September 2  
Pre-show discussion on July 12 at 7:00 pm  
Post-show discussion on August 18 (after matinee)
- WHERE:** The Grove in DeLaveaga Park, 501 Upper Park Rd, Santa Cruz CA
- TICKETS:** **Online:** [www.santacruzshakespeare.org/tickets](http://www.santacruzshakespeare.org/tickets)  
**By Phone:** 831-460-6399  
**Ticket Office Phone Hours:** Tuesday–Friday 12:00 PM–5:00 PM
- TICKET PRICES:** \$25 - \$56 for single tickets.  
Member tickets, group rates, student and senior discounts, and special preview prices are available.  
\$25 Rush tickets are available one hour prior to performances.

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