

Splendid Productions' 'Midsummer Mechanicals'
By Kerry Frampton & Ben Hales



CHARACTER LIST

Bill	A stage manager who works for the Duke and Duchess (minor role).
Peter Quince	Professional carpenter, leader of the amateur troupe, co-author of today's play. Ends up playing 'Puck' and 'The Forest'.
Nicholas Bottom	Weaver, lead actor (in his opinion) of the amateur troupe, co-author of today's play. Plays 'The Weaver'.
Francis Flute	Apprentice Bellows-mender, an ambitious member of the amateur troupe, has been away in the city for three months prior to today's performance. Has recently transformed from pre-pubescent boy into large hairy man. Plays 'The Fairy Queen', among other roles.
Patience Snout	An older woman from the same village as the other characters, and wife of troupe-member, Tom Snout. Because it is illegal for women to perform in public, Patience has only come to help out backstage. She is much more important than she initially appears. Eventually plays 'The Fairy King'.

We encourage diversity and inclusive, gender and ethnicity-blind casting. However, character gender is a deliberate political choice and should be played as written if possible – as it was in our original production with a gender-balanced cast.