

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

10 Events

1. Hermia is being forced by Egeus, her father and Theseus, the Duke of Athens, to marry Demetrius against her will, so she flees to the forest with Lysander, her lover.
2. Helena loves Demetrius but he does not feel the same. She tells him about Hermia and Lysander's flight to gain his favour and he pursues them, followed by Helena.
3. Titania, Queen of the Fairies, refuses to give her Changeling Boy to Oberon, the King of the Fairies. In revenge, Oberon sends his servant Puck to fetch a magic potion to make her fall in love with something vile.
4. Oberon sees Demetrius trying to get rid of the besotted Helena and orders Puck to give the potion to Demetrius so that he falls in love with her. Puck mistakenly gives it to Lysander who falls in love with Helena and deserts Hermia.
5. Some craftsmen are in the wood rehearsing a play for Theseus and Hippolyta's (the queen of the Amazons) wedding. Puck mischievously transforms one of the players, Bottom, into a donkey which terrifies the others and they flee.
6. Titania has been bewitched and wakes to see Bottom whom she falls in love with. She and her fairies convince him to stay with them.
7. Oberon discovers Puck's mistake with the fleeing lovers and, with Puck's help, puts things right. Demetrius now loves Helena, and Lysander once more loves Hermia.
8. Oberon releases Titania from her spell and Bottom is returned to human form.
9. The four lovers wake and return to Athens and the wedding of Theseus and Hippolyta where the craftsmen perform their bad play.
10. Oberon and Titania are reconciled and go to bless the wedding of the mortals.