

# from the FOOTLIGHTS

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## *Footlights to discuss An Irish Twist on Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream on Tuesday, June 26*

There have been endless adaptations of Shakespeare's plays. Somewhere a modern take on Shakespeare is playing tonight. Now comes Bethesda's and one of Footlights' favorite theater companies - Quotidian Theatre Company - with **An Irish Twist on Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream**.

**Stephanie Mumford** and **Leah Mazade** - the adapters - and **Peter Brice** - musical director - and **David Dubov** - actor (Bottom) - will be our guests as we explore the adaptation process transporting Shakespeare's *Dream* to 1820s Regency Ireland with the addition of live Irish music, dance, and Yeats' poetry.

See <https://quotidiantheatre.org/> for more information about the production.

**Location.** We will meet at MeiWah Restaurant, located at 4457 Willard Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD - a short walk from the north entrance of the Friendship Heights metro stop on the red line.

MeiWah is on the second floor. There is an elevator to MeiWah from the street and garage levels. There is limited parking - 2 hour limit - in a small surface lot behind the restaurant, entered from Friendship Blvd. Garage parking is available for \$5 with a voucher from the restaurant. Enter the garage just as you turn into the surface lot from Friendship Blvd or into the Chase Tower building across The Hills Plaza. Some street parking may be open.

Dinner is at 6:30, the discussion begins at 7:30 and ends by 9. The all-inclusive cost for dinner and the discussion is \$30. Cash or check, please - no credit cards. You may come at 7:20 for the discussion only for just \$5.

Dinner consists of two appetizers, five main dishes, orange slices and fortune cookies, served family style at each table. Drinks are not included, but can be ordered and paid for individually. MeiWah has a bar for beer, wine and drinks. Please be on time. Food will be served promptly starting at 6:30.

**Reservations.** Make reservations with Phyllis Bodin, at [phylbo@verizon.net](mailto:phylbo@verizon.net) or 301-986-1768. Reservations may be made until noon on Tuesday, June 26, but cancellations will be accepted only until Saturday, June 23 at noon. Footlights will be charged for no-shows, and we expect you to cover our cost.

**Read the play.** Re-read the original and/or the draft rehearsal script. If you are coming to the discussion and have made reservations with Phyllis, contact Robin, 240-669-6300 or [robinlarkin@comcast.net](mailto:robinlarkin@comcast.net) for the script.

**See the play.** Performances will be July 25 thru August 12, 2018 - Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 8pm & Saturdays and Sundays at 2pm. Added Wednesday, July 25, performance at 8pm. Due to ongoing renovations at the Writer's Center, Quotidian is temporarily relocating to the old Round House Theatre at 4010 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902.

Footlights members may get \$20 tickets for any performance. We suggest attending the July 28 matinee which has a cast talkback scheduled. Make your reservation at 301-816-1023 or [qtcheckboxoffice@gmail.com](mailto:qtcheckboxoffice@gmail.com) and say you are with Footlights and are entitled to the \$20 group rate. Pay at the box office when you arrive for the performance.

So, mark your calendars and make reservations for the dinner-discussion at MeiWah on June 26, and for the performance at Quotidian on July 28. And if you live in Maryland, plan to vote early.

## *About Footlights*

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## *Finding a meeting location*

We continue to explore other venues for our dinner-discussions. We encourage you to suggest possible DC-area locations to Phyllis Bodin, at [phylbo@verizon.net](mailto:phylbo@verizon.net) or 301-986-1768.

## *Summer Vacation*

Footlights is taking off July and most of August. We expect to resume our dinner-discussions for next season in late August. Stay tuned and have a great summer!

## *Calendar:*

- **Tuesday, June 26**, 6:30 p.m., dinner-discussion of *An Irish Twist on Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream* with Quotidian Theatre Company co-founder **Stephanie Mumford** and co-adapter, **Leah Mazade**, co-adapter, **David Dubov**, and music director **Peter Brice**. At MeiWah, 4457 Willard Avenue, Chevy Chase. Reserve with Phyllis Bodin at [phylbo@verizon.net](mailto:phylbo@verizon.net) or 301-986-1768.
- **Saturday, July 28**, 2 p.m., performance of *Irish Twist* with postshow discussion at 4010 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD. Tickets for Footlights are \$20. Reserve at 301-816-1023 or [qtcboxoffice@gmail.com](mailto:qtcboxoffice@gmail.com).
- through **June 24**, performances of *Swimming with Whales*. Footlights tickets are \$27. Use code FTWHALES. At 1st Stage Tyson's. See <http://www.1ststagetysons.org/> for more information.

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