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## SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE SYNOPSIS

Based on the Academy Award-winning movie, this enchanting, hilarious, passionate stage adaptation re-imagines William Shakespeare's creative process - and explores his inspiration - as he writes Romeo and Juliet.

Young Will Shakespeare has writer's block. The deadline for his new play is fast approaching, but he's in desperate need of inspiration. That is, until he finds his muse... the feisty, brilliant and beautiful Viola. This crafty young woman is Will's greatest admirer and will stop at nothing to appear in his next play. Against a bustling background of mistaken identity, ruthless scheming and backstage theatrics, Will's love for Viola quickly blossoms, inspiring him to write his greatest romantic masterpiece. The play uses contemporary language and features live music. We are so excited to be presenting this fantastic play in March 2024. We welcome you to audition and join us in producing another excellent PODS production.

An open read through is scheduled for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November; 7.30pm at Penarth Conservative Club, all welcome.

Auditions will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November at Trinity Church Hall. Audition slots can be booked via <https://calendly.com/pods-drama/auditions>

Rehearsals will start on 6<sup>th</sup> January and are held on Monday, Wednesdays & Sundays at the Conservative Club in Penarth. The performance dates are 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March 24

If you have any questions regarding the roles, then please email me at alexwilson888@gmail.com or phone 07887 654052

# CHARACTERS

**Will Shakespeare** - Poet & Playwright – Lead – Age Guide 25-35

**Viola De Lesseps** – Disguises herself as actor Thomas Kent – Lead - Age Guide 20-35

**Kit Marlow** – Colleague, Friend & Inspiration to Shakespeare – Supporting - Age Guide 25-40

**Fennyman** – The Money Man – Supporting - Age Guide 40-70

**Henslow** – Owner of the Rose Theatre – Supporting - Age Guide 40-70

**Burbage** – Lead Actor of the Chamberlains Men – Supporting - Age Guide 25-45

**Queen Elizabeth** – Supporting - Age Guide 35-60

**Nurse/Molly** – Supporting - Age Guide 30-60

**Wessex** – Betrothed to Viola - Supporting - Age Guide 35-50

**Tilney** – Lord Chamberlain - Supporting - Age Guide 35-60

**Wabash** – Stammering Tailor/Actor - Supporting - Age Guide 35-50

**Ralph** – Actor - Supporting - Age Guide 40-70

**Webster** – Urchin - Supporting - Age Guide 12-16

**Ned Alleyn** – Lead Actor of the Admiral's Men - Supporting - Age Guide 25-45

**Robert De Lesseps/Boatman** – Father of Viola - Supporting - Age Guide 35-65

**Miss Quickley/Kate** - Supporting - Age Guide 20-45

Ensemble of male and female playing Shakespearian actors/maids etc.

## **Membership and Other Fees**

If you are successful in getting a part, you will be required to become a member of PODS and abide by the Society rules. You will be required to pay a membership fee and a stage fee.

As we support sustainability in all areas you will be sent all documentation via email.

Fees: Adult Membership: £36 per year; Stage Fee: £10 for this production