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a Company of Fools presents: *Twelfth Night*

a **Company of Fools** is back with the ever popular **Torchlight Shakespeare Series** – bringing Shakespeare to Ottawa area parks all summer long! Now in its sixteenth year, this season's Torchlight production is the farcical romantic comedy *Twelfth Night* – one of Shakespeare's most beloved works.

When: July 2nd – August 18th – Mondays through Saturdays; Preview June 30th

Time: 7:00pm plus all new **Matinées at 2:00pm on Saturdays!**

Where: Parks throughout Ottawa – we're at a different park every night!!

Cost: **Pay What You Can**, suggested donation of \$20/person

More info at www.fools.ca

“If music be the food of love, play on!”

About Twelfth Night

Twelfth Night is the story of two twins — Viola and Sebastian — shipwrecked in the land of Illyria. Believing her brother has been swallowed up by the sea, Viola cross dresses as “Cesario” and secures employment under Duke Orsino. Viola finds herself falling in love with the Duke, but is ordered to profess Orsino's undying affection for Olivia, a countess refusing to grant appearances to any suitors. Chaos ensues as Olivia falls for Viola in disguise, and later mistakes her for Sebastian who (surprise!) is still alive and turns up in Illyria. All the while, Olivia's drunkard uncle Sir Toby Belch, her maid Maria, Feste the court fool, and the pitiful courter Sir Andrew Aguecheek, play a trick on the head servant Malvolia which totters between hilarity and cruelty.

This 90 minute 6-actor production of *Twelfth Night* will play against the backdrop of 35 community parks in 50 performances across Ottawa and the surrounding area. Join the Fools for this vibrant gender-bending comedy of love, music, and mistaken identity. Fun for the whole family!

“This fellow is wise enough to play the fool”

Meet the Fools – Our Cast and Crew

Directed by Bronwyn Steinberg, this season's cast includes returning Fools Mary Ellis, Tamara Freeman, Kate McArthur and new Fools Catherine Rainville, Garrett Quirk and Kate Smith. Featuring costume, mask and puppet designs by Vanessa Imeson, set design by Brian Smith and original music by Melissa Morris, this production is set in a fantastical, jewel-toned world, that blends David Bowie's *Labryrith* phase with Art Nouveau and live '80's synth-pop, creating a fast-paced, visceral experience not to be missed!

"This is very midsummer madness"

Twelfth Night runs **July 2 – August 15, Mondays through Saturdays at 7pm and Saturdays at 2pm**. Preview performance June 30th. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, bug spray, picnic and your sense of humour. Pass-the-hat donations are collected at the end of the performance and can be submitted in the form of cash, credit card, cheque or bars of gold. More information and a detailed park schedule can be found at www.fools.ca, info@fools.ca or 613-863-7529.

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