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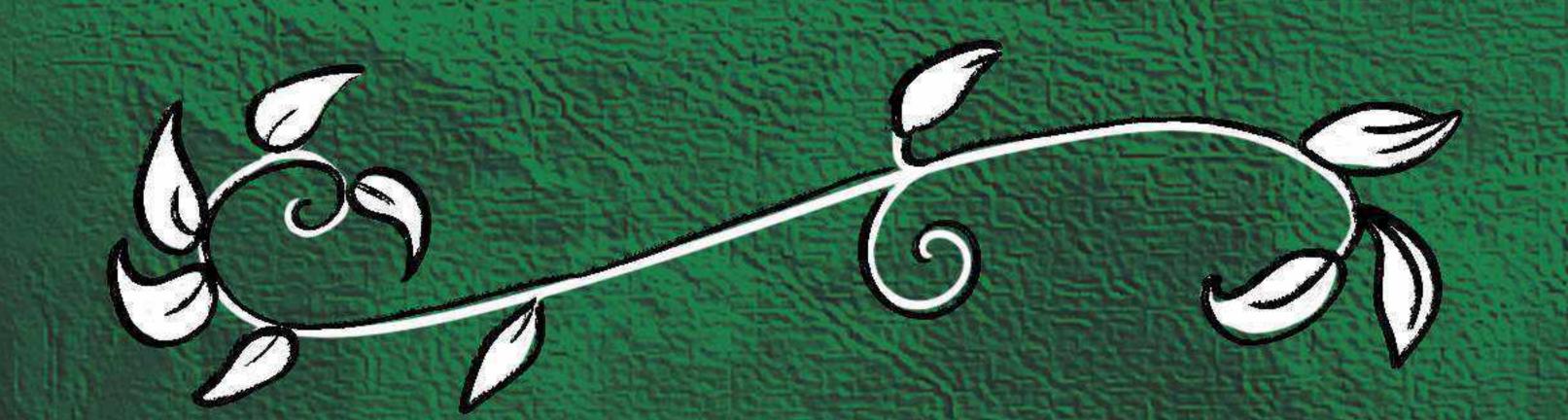
We are a rather splendid bunch of actors, performers, writers, producers, artists and most importantly, friends. We exist to produce exquisite theatrical shows, superb live events and provide a handy outlet for mucking about, showing off and practising the noble art of fancy dress!

Unlike other troupes of thespian types, we differ in our utter contempt for restraint, orthodoxy, tedium, moderation and sobriety. To be a Sh!t-faced Shakespearean is to fuck about, play, experiment, step right over the bounds of convention and sometimes even decency, all the while never forgetting to entertain.

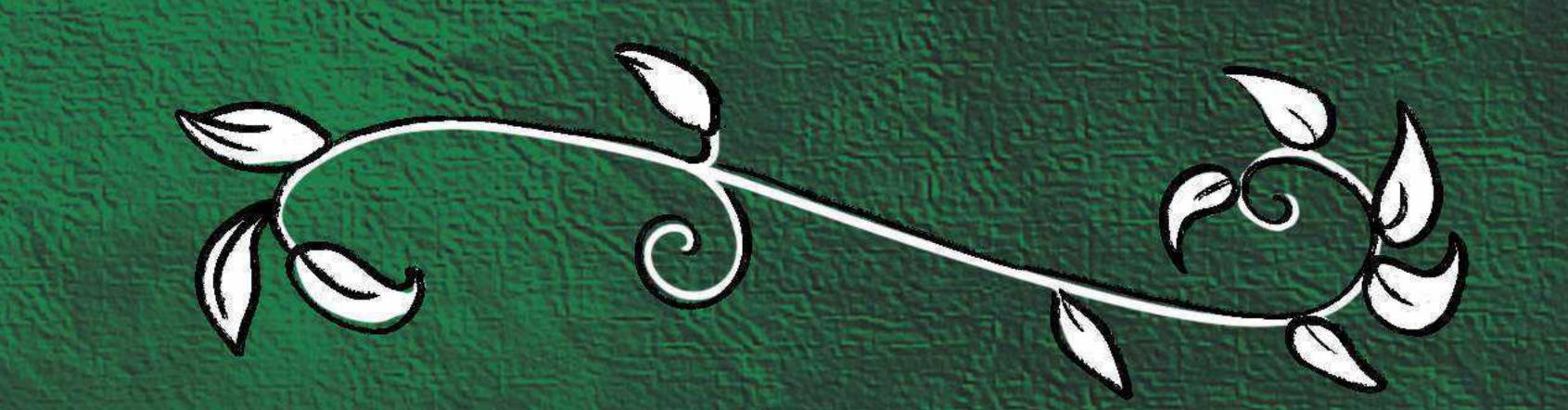
We at Sh!t-faced Shakespeare® are genuinely tremendous people.

COMMUNE WITH US, GOODLY SOULS

Have you been mortally affected by something we have done and want to shout in our general direction?! Why not attempt communication with us through the following channels?



shitfacedshakespeare.com hello@shitfacedshakespeare.com Carrier Pigeon: coo coo



SPEAK OF OUR PROWESS, IN WHISPERS GRAND

If you enjoy what we do tonight, tell your friends. Word of mouth and recommendations are the main ways in which people discover Sh!t-faced Shakespeare®, so shout it from the rooftops... if you so desire.



A PERBEIND THE CURTAIN



Greetings!



This night we doth proudly present to thee six entirely professional, Shakespearean actors, one entirely serious production of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and one entirely Sh!t-faced cast member!

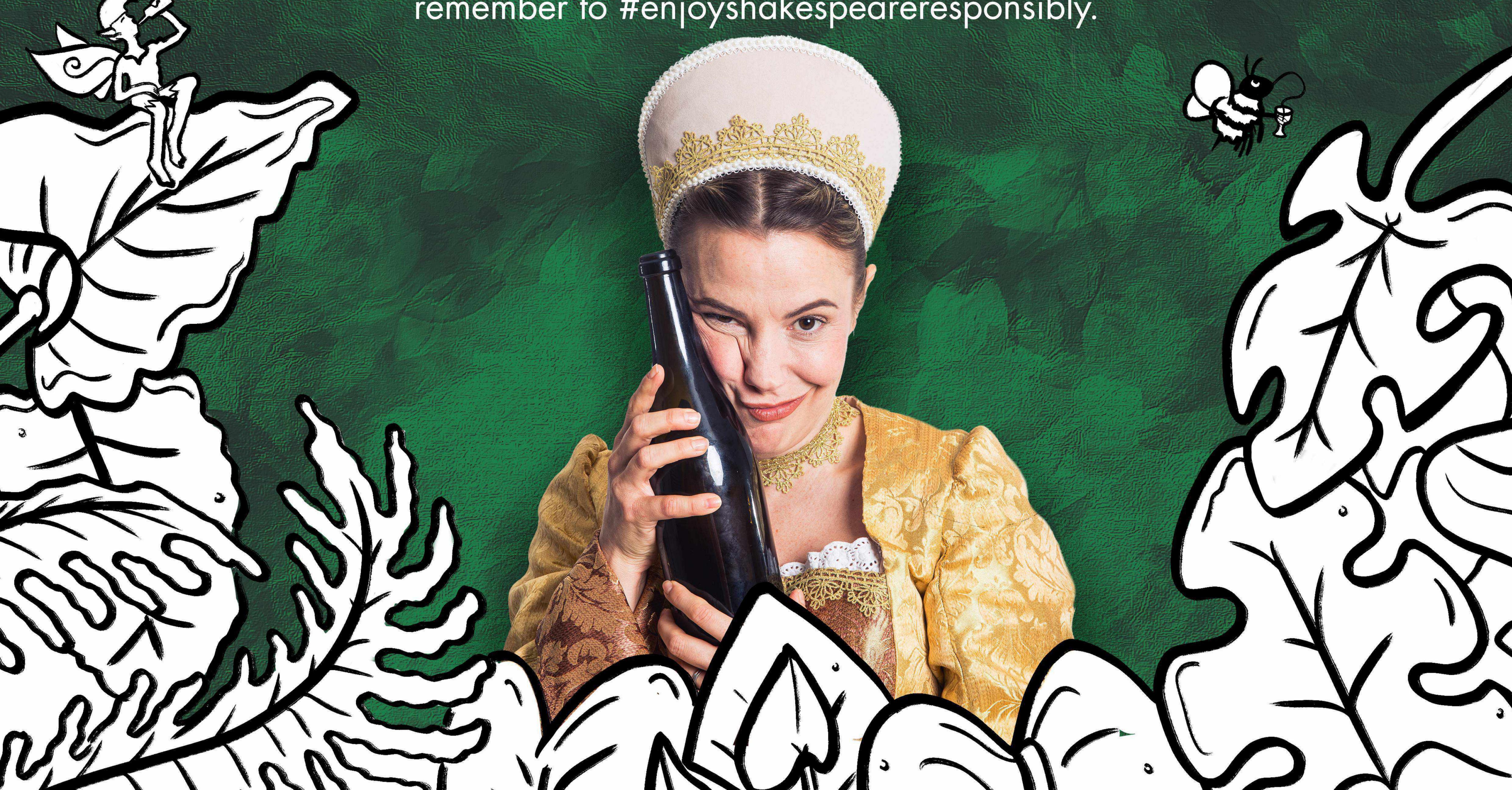
Everything you see here tonight is real and our actor is genuinely, highly inebriated having spent the last four hours slowly getting drunk. Therefore, please don't be offended if they swear at you, undress themselves, regurgitate a bit, sing badly or—heaven forbid— attempt some actual Shakespeare.

Occasionally, audience members ask us if this is safe, sensible, or even just a pleasant task for our performers. We'd like to assure you that we all thoroughly enjoy doing Shakespeare while Sh!t-faced and take precautions to ensure that we don't damage ourselves in the process.

We rotate our nominated drinking actor every night and no performer is ever asked to drink on consecutive nights. In addition, our 'thesps' are never required to drink more than four times in a month. Ironically, this makes us the most sober cast of actors you are likely to find in the West End!

Most importantly, despite all the screaming, biting, fighting and 'non-consensual tongue stuff' you're all about to witness tonight, we are all dear friends. We love working together, drinking together and playing for you.

We hope you love the show, even half as much as we love performing it, and always remember to #enjoyshakespeareresponsibly.



A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE ENGHANTED TALE

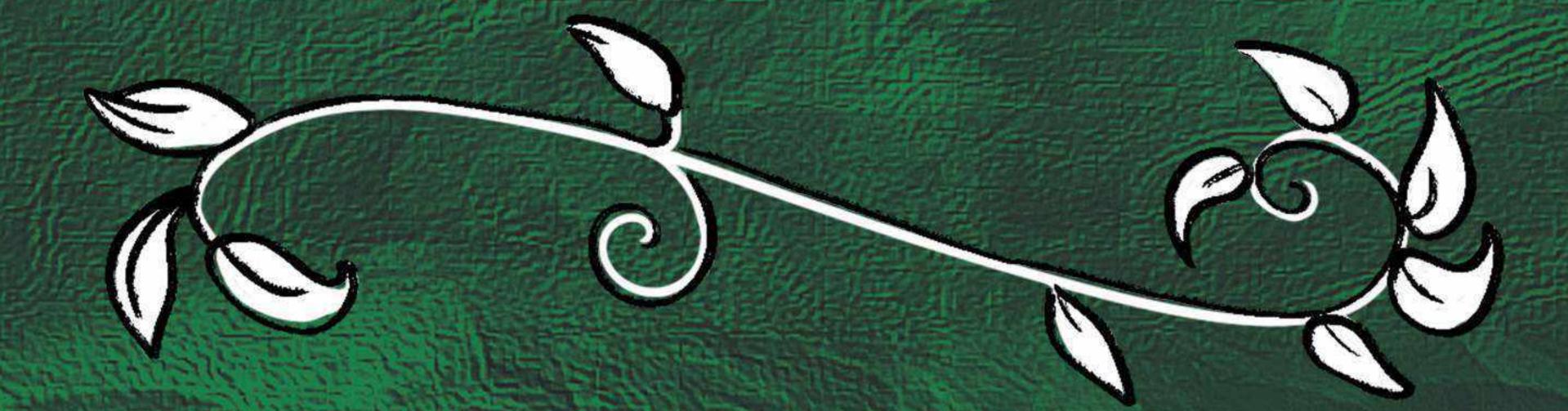
A Midsummer Night's Dream centres around the romantic entanglements of four young Athenian lovers and the magical mishaps that ensue in an enchanted forest. Hermia is in love with Lysander, but her father demands she marry Demetrius, who is adored by Helena. To escape Hermia's forced marriage, she and Lysander flee into the forest, pursued by Demetrius and Helena.

In the forest, the lovers become entangled in the quarrels of the fairy king and queen, Oberon and Titania. Oberon commands the mischievous Puck to use a magical flower to resolve the lovers' conflicts. However, Puck's interference leads to chaos: Lysander falls in love with Helena, abandoning Hermia, and Demetrius, under the flower's spell, also falls for Helena, causing further confusion and heartbreak.

As the lovers' affections shift and misunderstandings abound, Puck eventually corrects his mistakes. The spell is lifted, restoring Lysander's love for Hermia and solidifying Demetrius's love for Helena. The play concludes with the lovers returning to Athens, where they celebrate a triple wedding, their conflicts resolved and harmony restored. But who knows how the Sh!t-faced Shakespeare® version will end?



DRAMIS PERSONAE



"We know what we are, but not what we may be."

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare® features a large, rotating cast, many of whom play different roles on different nights. This allows us to give our drinking performers nights off and confuses the hell out of our sober cast.



Beth-Louise Priestley Hermia

Beth trained as an actress at RADA (Royal Academy of Drinking Arts) and continues to train her liver each Sunday while taking Holy Communion. Beth's spirit animal is a goblin, which is exactly what she turns into if she sniffs a shot of tequila. Beth joined Sh!t-faced Shakespeare® back in 2011 and holds the record for the most drunk shows ever performed.



The Importance of Drinking Earnestly, The Worst Hangover: Nominated (Method) Actress, Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Full Series (3546 eps.)

Favourite Drink: Really, really, really likes tequila, but really, really, REALLY shouldn't.



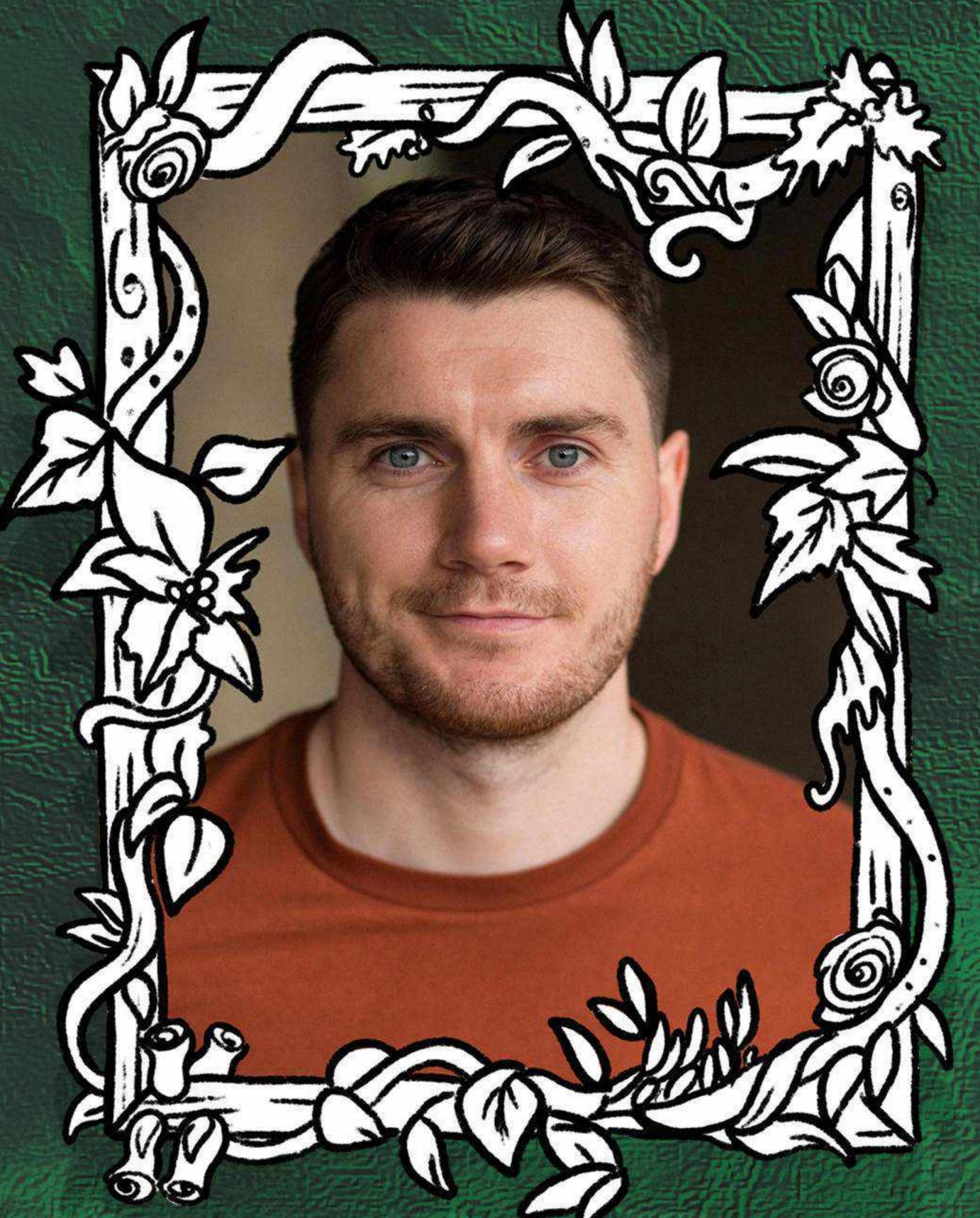
Puck and Lysander

Charlie trained in musical theatre at Mountview but really honed his craft at Lucky Voice karaoke bar. Charlie is responsible for nearly every bad decision made at the 2022 Edinburgh Fringe. There is no such thing as an early night when the 'Booze Goblin' is about.

Credits include:

The Phantom of the Opera Bar, Back to the Future: The Boozical, Drunkle Vanya

Favourite Drink: Champagne, darling!



Eugene Evans

Lysander and Demetrius

Eugene trained at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. Eugene needed no training in the art of drinking as it's in his blood. You see, Eugene is Irish, but what's even better than that, you ask? Well, our Eugene became Irish royalty when he won silver in a Northern Irish all-star drinking contest. Is there any higher drinking award?... Other than gold?

Credits include:

Death of an Ale Man, The Tiger Who Came for Long Island Iced

Favourite Drink: Guinness. Obviously.



James Murfitt

Oberon and Demetrius

James studied acting at The Royal

Central School of Speech and Drama and has since continued his 'training' in many of Central London's pubs. You may have been lucky enough to catch James in previous Sh!t-faced shows, and we can say that James is much new and improved! James no longer shits the bed, eats his boogies at the dinner table, or scratches his balls in public... Keep up the good work, James!

Kinky Booze, Starlight Expresso Martini, A Pissedmas Carol Favourite Drink: A magnum bottle of Malbec.





Lysander and Demetrius

John trained at East 15 back in 1973. John was raised on booze, born in a time when alcohol was used to sterilise drinking water. 'Old Man Mitton' has been with Sh!t-faced Shakespeare® since his early 40s and is still managing a few shows here and there.



Credits include:

The Wizard of Ouzo, Disney's Frozen Margarita, West Cider Story

Favourite Drink: Anything with milk.



Natalie Boakye Oberon and Helena

Natalie trained at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama and trained her liver at her local 'The Royal Oak'. Natalie is rather soggy when drunk, due to the waterfall of tears that pour from her eyes for at least half the show. The reason for these tears? She's happy and she just loves everyone.



2:22 - Time for a Drink?, King Beer.

Favourite Drink: Tequila slammer using the salt from her own tears.



Puck and Hermia

Julia trained at East 15, which is where she also turned to a life of crime. Surprisingly, Julia is only the second of our cast members to have a criminal record—although she protests, as all criminals do, "it really was all a big misunderstanding!" It was during her time in the British prison system that Julia first started making her moonshine, and the rest is history...

Credits include:

SIX: Shots of Vodka Later, Bingin' in the Rain, A Little Night Cap Favourite Drink: Vodka in a shot glass.



Princess Donnough Helena and Hermia

Princess trained at the Kingdom
School of Arts whilst simultaneously
studying hard (liquor) at her local Wetherspoons. Princess is our most indecisive cast member... or is she? Princess also has a secret ambition to work with "zoo animals," so it's no surprise that Princess has ended up with this pack of wild misfits.

Annie Get Your Gin, Romeo & Mint Julep, WICKED BLUE Favourite Drink: Disaronno and Coke



Stacey Norris Helena and Oberon

Stacey trained as an actor at Drama Studio London long after she trained as a drinker at her local park. Stacey is clumsy—so clumsy, in fact, that she's self-diagnosed dyspraxic. When naked, Stacey looks like a bad banana and spends 5% of her income on arnica cream. Don't get too close to 'The Norris' when she's drunk, or you may find out the rules to 'sticky lizard'.

Credits include:

TV: This is Going to Hurt: Hangover Edition, EastEnders: Get in My Pub, A Chorus Wine

Favourite Drink: The sweat from her castmates' faces.



Stephanie Simpson Puck and Hermia

Stephanie trained as both an actress and a drinker at Birmingham Royal Conservatoire. Stephanie, along with Princess, is a fresh new liv...er...actor for us this Sh!t-faced season. The worst thing Stephanie has ever done when she was drunk was her ex...

Credits include:

Film: The Hungover Games, A View from a Bar Favourite Drink: Lager



GUESS YETHE CHOSEN POISONS OF THE CAST!



