

AUDITION

Golden West College

William Shakespeare's

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Directed by Martie Ramm

Performance Dates: November 14 – 23, 2025 @ Golden West College

Evenings @ 7:30pm November 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 / Matinees @ 2:00 pm on November 16, 23

CASTING

BEATRICE, Female 20 – 30. Niece of Leonato and cousin of Hero. Quick-witted, verbally adept, beautiful, generous, and good-hearted. Uses her wit to mock and tease. Lead role.

BENEDICK, Male 25 – 35. Gentleman soldier and friend of Don Pedro and Claudio. Handsome, witty, mocks other people with elaborate jokes and puns. Very critical of women. Lead role.

HERO, Female 18 – 25, beautiful young daughter of Leonato and cousin to Beatrice. Lovely, gentle, and innocent. Lead role.

CLAUDIO, a young lord from Florence. Male 18 – 25. Handsome and physically attractive young soldier who falls in love with Hero. Valiant and loving but also gullible. Lead role.

DON PEDRO, Prince of Aragon, and friend to Leonato. Male 30 – 50. Noble generous, courteous, intelligent, and loving. Quick to believe evil of others and hasty to take revenge. Most politically and socially powerful character. Lead role.

LEONATO, Governor of Messina, uncle to Beatrice, and Hero's father. Male 30 -50. Wealthy and well respected. Featured role.

DON JOHN, Male 30 – 50. Don Pedro's illegitimate half brother who is referred to as "the Bastard." Melancholy, sullen, evil. He is the villain of the play motivated by envy of his brother. Featured role.

DOGBERRY, Male or female 30 – 50. Chief Policeman of Messina. Sincere, but uses the wrong words to convey meaning. Funny and bumbling. Featured role.

MARGARET, servant to Hero. Female 25 – 40. Unwittingly helps deceive Claudio. Lower class. Lover of Borachio. Loves to break decorum with bawdy jokes and teasing. Featured role.

BORACHIO, Male 25 – 40. An evil conspirator with of Don John and lover of Margaret.

CONRAD, Male 25 – 40. Intimate Associate of Don John and his evil schemes.

BALTHASAR, Male 25 – 40. A servant in Leonato's household and a musician.

ANTONIO, Male 30 -50. Leonato's brother.

VERGES, male or female 25 – 40. Deputy to Dogberry.

URSULA, servant to Hero. Female 20 – 35.

ENSEMBLE: GEORGE SEACOAL, leader of the Watch; FIRST WATCHMAN, SECOND WATCHMAN, SEXTON, FRIAR FRANCIS, MESSENGERS, BOY, MUSICIANS, LORDS, ATTENDANTS.

Auditions:

Tuesday September 9 and Wednesday September 10

6:30pm – 9:00pm

This will be a contemporary version of the play set in 2025. Please have a 1 min to 2 min. monologue prepared. Prefer Shakespeare monologue but contemporary also acceptable. No monologues from MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING, please. No accents required. Bring a picture/resume (if you have one).

Auditions will be held in Stage West at Golden West College, 15751 Gothard Street at Center Avenue, Huntington Beach. Enter the campus from the Gothard Street side near the Mainstage Theater. Stage West is opposite the Mainstage Theater.

Parking is free in the Gothard Street parking lot "J" near the Amphitheater and the Boys and Girls Club.

Rehearsals begin on Monday September 29 and are scheduled for Monday through Thursday evenings from 7 pm until 10:00 pm. Cast members are called to rehearsals only when needed.

IF CAST IN THIS PRODUCTION, ALL ADULT ACTORS MUST ENROLL IN A 2-UNIT COLLEGE COURSE.

SOME GUEST ARTISTS NON-CREDIT (no tuition) COURSE EXEMPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE.

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