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Ballet Pensacola Presents A Midsummer Night's Dream Choreographed and Directed by Artistic Director Darren McIntyre The Center, Clark Family Cultural Center April 21-23 & 28-30, 2023

Join Ballet Pensacola this April and enter the magical land of Shakespeare's **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, an enchanting story set in a lush forest complete with love triangles and feuding fairy kingdoms, and surprises at every turn.

Ballet Pensacola's Artistic Director, Darren McIntyre is thrilled to bring Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to the stage at The Center, Clark Family Cultural Center on April 21-23 and 28-30, 2023. Adults and children alike will enjoy this playful romp, called a "Dream" because of the unbelievable events the characters experience in the ballet such as star- crossed lovers, trivial quarrels, forest chases, and magic spells cast by the infamous Puck.

The origin of Midsummer night has long been connected with love and magic. It is the one night of the year when unearthly beings such as fairies are able to intermingle with the real world. Ballet Pensacola's performances will feature two ballet casts including Juan Arango and Felipe Zapiola as Puck, Hannah Holtslaw and Amanda Eve Carrick as Titania, and Felipe Zapiola and Juan Arango as Oberon. Michel Martinez will dance the role of Nick Bottom in all performances. Seventy-five children will join the casts in the production as well creating a delightful experience for the audience.

McIntyre has assembled the largest Ballet Pensacola company ever, featuring twenty professional dancers from around the world. Audiences can experience the new company in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at The Center, Clark Family Cultural Center on April 21-23 and 28-30, 2023.

Tickets are available online at <u>www.balletpensacola.org</u> or by calling The Pensacola Little Theatre Box Office at (840) 432-2042, ext. 1. Individual tickets range in price from \$35-\$45.

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