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**PRESENTS** 



### ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

#### WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

DIRECTED BY

#### BARRY EDELSTEIN

 Sean Fanning
 Michelle Hunt Souza
 Kevin Anthenill

 SCENIC DESIGN
 COSTUME DESIGN
 ORIGINAL MUSIC

 Diana Moser
 Amanda Salmons
 Andrew Recker

 STAGE MANAGER
 ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER
 TECHNICAL CREW

#### CAST (in alphabetical order)

Countess, Soldier, Priest, Mariana	Meaghan Boeing
Renata, Widow, Soldier, Physician	Monique Gaffney
Bertram	Adam Gerber
King, Interpreter	Kushtrim Hoxha
Lafeu, Soldier	Stephen Hu
Diana, Physician, Soldier	Allison Layman
Second Lord Dumaine	Albert Park
Helena	Erin Roché
First Lord Dumaine	Christopher Salazar
Parolles	Robbie Simpson

This performance runs 90 minutes plus a brief intermission.

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The Actors and Stage Managers employed in this production are members of Actors' Equity Association, the union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

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## ABOUT THE PLAY

Helena is in love with Bertram. But he's the Count of Rousillon, and she's lower in class: the daughter of a famous doctor, taken in by Bertram's mother when her father died. When Bertram is called to serve the King of France at court, Helena is heartbroken. So when word comes that the King is ill, Helena travels to Paris, and using a special medicine of her father's, she cures his illness. The King allows her to choose any man in the court as her husband. She chooses Bertram, who at first refuses but eventually agrees at the demand of the King. Immediately after the wedding, Bertram leaves France, accompanied by a loudmouthed companion named Parolles, to fight for the Duke of Florence in Italy. He sends Helena a letter saying that he will never truly be her husband unless she can get his family ring from his finger and become pregnant with his child. Helena blames herself for putting Bertram in danger, and she leaves for Italy as well.

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By William Shakespeare
Directed by Barry Edelstein

When Helena arrives in Italy, she discovers that her husband is there and that he has been trying to seduce Diana, the virginal daughter of a local widow. Diana and Helena plot an elaborate trick on Bertram. Diana convinces Bertram to give her his family ring, and she arranges for him to come to her room at night. But Diana and Helena switch places, and Bertram unknowingly spends the night with Helena instead. Meanwhile, two lords in the army expose Parolles as a coward and a fool, and he falls out of Bertram's favor.

Messengers arrive in Italy with the false news that Helena is dead, and Bertram decides to return home to France.

Bertram reconciles with the King, but soon Diana appears and tells the King the story of how Bertram seduced and abandoned her. Bertram is forced to admit his bad behavior. Finally Helena arrives, bearing Bertram's family ring and pregnant with his unborn child. Helena has satisfied both of Bertram's conditions, and all's well that ends well.



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