

Interlochen, Michigan 133rd, 141st Program of the 98th Season

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#### JUNIOR THEATRE PRODUCTION

## Romeo & Juliet & Many Other Friends

Adapted from William Shakespeare by Katherine E. Norman

Directed by Katherine E. Norman Imani Makasa, assistant Zesty Lythgoe, assistant Costume Design by Maggie Mills Rebecca Weltmann, stage manager

Thursday, July 17, 2025 Friday, July 18, 2025 7:00pm, Penn Hall 1:00pm, Penn Hall

#### **CAST**

Benvolia	Camryn Allen, Harvey, La.
Rosaline	Lina Deng, Evanston, Ill.
Mercutio	Cam Hyun, Dallas, Texas
Tibby	Delaney Lee, Tarzana, Calif.
Beatrice	Arielle Levine, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
Petra	Primrose Ward, Anchorage, Alaska
Romeo	Caroline Weiner, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Juliet	Lilly Worrell, Wheaton, Ill.
Montague	Zesty Lythgoe*
Capulet	Imani Makasa*
	* Denotes Teaching Assistant

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#### **DIRECTOR'S NOTES**

Stories of the feuding Montagues and Capulets have been around for at least 700-years. Artists have told, retold, revised, and returned to the story of Romeo and Juliet. Shakespeare's version of their star-crossed love has captured imaginations and sparked productions and adaptations for 400-years. In his play, two young people are desperately failed by the grown-ups that they trusted to help them. In *Romeo & Juliet & Many Other Friends*, the young people of Verona trust each other instead—leading to quite a different outcome.

It has been a joy to participate in the centuries-long legacy of this story with the brilliant Junior Actors this summer. We are thrilled to welcome audiences to our story about how the friendships, intelligence, and hope of younger generations can change their grown-ups for the better.

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### PRODUCTION CREDITS

Director of Theatre Arts	William Church
Executive Director, Interlochen Presents	Brent Wrobel
Assistant Director, Interlochen Presents-Production	Jennifer Apple
Associate Director, Interlochen Presents	Jeffery Block
Prop Artisan	Rebecca Weltmann
Costume Shop Supervisor	

Special Thanks: Ashley Jessup, Benny Dietz, Emily Wilkinson, Natalie Jennings, Noah Slicer

# -PLEASE, NO VISITORS BACKSTAGE OR IN THE DRESSING ROOMS AT ANY TIME-

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