

DON PEDRO, Prince of Arragon  
 DON JOHN, his bastard Brother  
 CLAUDIO, a young Lord of Florence  
 BENEDICK, a young Lord of Padua  
 LEONATO, Governor of Messina  
 ANTONIO, his Brother  
 BALTHAZAR, Servant to Don Pedro  
 BORACHIO, follower of Don John  
 CONRADE, follower of Don John  
 DOGBERRY, a Constable  
 VERGES, a Headborough  
 FRIAR FRANCIS  
 A Sexton  
 HERO, Daughter to Leonato  
 BEATRICE, Niece to Leonato  
 MARGARET, Waiting-gentlewoman  
 URSULA, Waiting-gentlewoman  
 Messenger  
 Watchman

Director  
 Producers

Assistant Director  
 Stage Manager  
 Wardrobe  
 Construction Manager  
 Set Painting

House Manager  
 Stage Crew

Musical Director  
 Score  
 Recorders, Shawms, Drum  
 Bass and Tenor Viol  
 Bass Viol  
 Recorders, Shawms, Vocals  
 Recorders, Shawms, Lute  
 Drum

## Cast

Emrys Shaunnon  
 Jovian Skleros  
 Eule von Haginbald  
 Pendaran Glamorgan  
 Conner Drummond  
 Hanse Kleermaker  
 Sabina Taddea Bonnadonna  
 Sigerith d̄Aienkort  
 Caliban  
 Jovian Skleros  
 Hanse Kleermaker  
 Thomas of Tenby  
 Rahman Averroes Masarra al Cordoba  
 Ariella d' Aille  
 Jehanne d'Avignon  
 Luca Baldassare Piazzetta  
 Brianna ny' Oran  
 Rahman Averroes Masarra al Cordoba  
 Brianna ny' Oran

## Crew

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 Pendaran Glamorgan  
 Jovian Skleros  
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 Robin McShaffry  
 Ariella d' Aille  
 Mike McShaffry  
 Grace  
 Ginevera Rodney  
 Tabitha Baker  
 Robin Anderson of Ross  
 Emeline de Neville  
 Marion deMuese  
 Aaron Niemuth

## Musicians

Patience Marlowe  
 Jane Trent  
 Nicholas Trent  
 Morgan of Rhymney  
 Patience Marlowe  
 Will Attewood

Bob Kelley  
 Scott Eddy  
 Steve Hemphill  
 Brian Martin  
 Conner Craig  
 Casey Weed  
 Cherie Weed  
 Travis Keltner  
 Jon Bilderback  
 Scott Eddy  
 Casey Weed  
 Garrison Martt  
 Brice Behringer  
 Dawn Allee  
 Pam Martin  
 Sara Tallarovic  
 Tonie Kelly  
 Brice Behringer  
 Tonie Kelly

Steve Hemphill  
 Steve Hemphill  
 Brian Martin  
 Scott Eddy  
 Scott Eddy

Dawn Allee  
 April  
 Ginger Allee  
 Rhonda Leggett  
 Robin Craig  
 Monette Mueller  
 Chuck Leggett

Jonathan Brumley  
 Jennifer Davis  
 Maureen Martinez  
 Dave Martinez  
 Michelle Mears  
 Jennifer Davis  
 Jonathan Brumley  
 Jim Barnes

## Synopsis

### Act I

Messina, Italy 1599

#### Scene 1

Pedro and his men visit Leonato and his household after a brief war with his bastard brother, John

**Before Leonato's house**

#### Scene 3

John learns of an opportunity to seek revenge upon Pedro and Claudio

**In Leonato's house**

### Act II

#### Scene 1

Revelers attend a party at Leonato's house

**A hall in Leonato's house**

#### Scene 2

John and Borachio scheme to plot against the marriage of Hero to Claudio

**A room in Leonato's house**

#### Scene 3

Pedro, Claudio, Leonato and Balthazar trap Benedict into thinking that Beatrice loves him

**Leonato's orchard**

### Act III

#### Scene 1

Hero, Margaret and Ursula trap Benedict into thinking that Benedict loves her

**Leonato's garden**

#### Scene 2

John convinces Claudio and Pedro that Hero is disloyal

**A room in Leonato's house**

#### Scene 3

Dogberry and Verges command the Watch to keep an eye on Leonato's house this evening.

**A street**

#### Scene 4

Beatrice and Margaret help Hero dress for her wedding

**Hero's apartment**

#### Scene 5

Dogberry and Verges attempt to explain to Leonato that they have captured a pair of villains outside his house.

**Leonato's apartment**

### Act IV

#### Scene 1

All attend the wedding of Claudio and Hero

**A church**

#### Scene 2

Dogberry, Verges, the Watch and the Sexton interrogate Conrade and Borachio in the prison

**A prison**

### Act V

#### Scene 1

Leonato and Antonio confront Claudio and Pedro. John's plot is revealed

**Before Leonato's house**

#### Scene 2

Benedict woos Beatrice

**Leonato's garden**

#### Scene 3

Claudio mourns at Hero's tomb

**A tomb**

#### Scene 4

All is revealed and everyone lives happily ever after. Except John.

**A room in Leonato's house**

## Glossary of Terms

**Messina:** a city of northeast Sicily  
**Bills:** a staffed weapon or pole arm  
**Bird-bolt:** a blunt arrowhead  
**Squarer:** a young fighter  
**Jade:** a woman regarded as disreputable or shrewish  
**Reheat:** a hunting horn  
**Canker:** a plant disease  
**Arras:** a wall hanging or piece of tapestry  
**Hundred Merry Tales:** a book of jests written by Henry Wykes in 1567  
**Libertines:** one who acts without moral restraint  
**Poniard:** a dagger with a usually slender blade of triangular or square cross section  
**Antipodes:** the exact opposite or contrary  
**Prester John:** a fictitious Emperor of the East whose story was popular in 16<sup>th</sup> c. Europe.  
**The Great Cham:** Khan of the Tartar hordes  
**Tabour:** a small side drum  
**Arbour:** a shelter of latticework covered with climbing shrubs or vines  
**Kid-fox:** a fox pup  
**Pleached bower:** a lady's private braided garden  
**Haggers of the rock:** a wild and worn bird of prey  
**Limed:** to entangle; a method of catching birds  
**Vouchsafe:** favor, prerogative, or privilege  
**Woo:** to sue for the affection of and usually marriage with  
**Alehouse:** a tavern  
**Lechery:** lewdness  
**Rabato:** a wide lace-edged collar stiffened to stand high at the back  
**Cardus Benedictus:** Holy thistle  
**Fain:** happily, gladly  
**Knave:** an unprincipled, crafty fellow  
**Wanton:** one who is immoral, lewd, or licentious  
**Dian:** the Greek virgin goddess of hunting and childbirth, associated with the moon  
**Stale:** a prostitute  
**Impiety:** wicked  
**Maiden truth:** chastity  
**Epitaph:** an inscription on a tombstone in memory of the one buried there  
**Tarry:** to delay  
**Coxcomb:** a conceited dandy; a fop  
**Foining:** thrusting with a pointed weapon  
**Milksop:** a man lacking courage and other qualities deemed manly  
**Girdle:** a type of sword belt  
**Penance:** to show sorrow for a sin or other wrongdoing  
**Epithet:** a descriptive term  
**Guerdon:** a reward  
**Weeds:** a token of mourning  
**Countenance:** support or approval  
**Requite:** to repay  
**Enigmatical:** puzzling  
**Ethiope:** a person from northeast Africa  
**Sonnet:** a 14-line verse form usually having one of several conventional rhyme schemes  
**Consumption:** pulmonary tuberculosis  
**Cudgeled:** beaten



# Much adoe about Nothing.

*As it hath been sundrie times publikely*

acted by the right honourable, the Lord  
Baron his servant.

*Written by William Shakespeare.*

To be performed at the premiere opening of  
Mr. Adam Seymore's

## The ASTER Theater.

Which on the day of  
Saturday, October 19, at or around half past  
the hour of 9 o'clock in the evening,  
might be found at the site of  
Their Excellencies Biornsborg  
Event of Heroes

### Admission

Front row	3p
Pavilion	2p
House	1p



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