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### **BAD HABIT PRODUCTIONS TELLS THE TRUTH IN SHAKESPEARE'S *TWELFTH NIGHT***

*SECOND SEASON KICKS OFF WITH ONE OF SHAKESPEARE'S BEST-LOVED PLAYS*

(Boston, MA) - Bad Habit Productions, Inc. (BHP) is proud to kick off its second season with Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, directed by Midori Harris. The production runs from July 25<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Cambridge YMCA Family Theatre, 820 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, with a press viewing scheduled for July 25th at 8:00 p.m.

A 17<sup>th</sup>-century rendition of a romantic comedy, Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* is a masterpiece of comedic misunderstandings, mishaps, and mistaken identity. One of Shakespeare's best-loved plays, the story entertains with its witty repartee and uplifts with its emotional resonance, culminating into one of the most cunning and famous love triangles of all time. BHP's production of *Twelfth Night* is set in the Gatsby-era 1920s and is helmed by Shakespearian director Midori Harris (of last season's *A Winter's Tale*).

The production features **Deborah Mein** as Viola/Cesario. **Pamela DeGregorio** plays Olivia (previously seen as Emilia in *A Winter's Tale*), Victor Shopov plays Duke Orsino (previously seen as Harry Pepper in *Barefoot in the Park*), and **Jonathan Overby** plays Sebastian.

*Twelfth Night* is BHP's first installment in its "Season of Truth," represented by plays exploring themes of truth, perception, and identity. The "Season of Truth" will also include productions of Moisés Kaufman's *The Laramie Project* at the Plaza Theatre at the Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) on December 5<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> and David Ives's *All in the Timing* in April 2009.

The production is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Tickets are \$15 online or \$20 at the door (\$10 for students/seniors). To purchase tickets or for more information, visit <http://www.badhabitproductions.org>.

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**MEDIA NOTE:** Midori Harris, *Twelfth Night* cast members, and BHP producers are available for interviews about their careers and work on this play. Cast, crew, and production photos are also available upon request. Contact Lauren K. Terry, Managing Director, for details, 617-953-2764 or

[lterry@badhabitproductions.org](mailto:lterry@badhabitproductions.org).

Bad Habit Productions, Inc. (BHP) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) theater dedicated to producing unique and imaginative theatre and improve within greater Boston. These productions will result from direct, creative collaboration among Boston artists and will provide much-needed opportunities for non-Equity members. BHP is committed to furthering the presence and popularity of theatre and improv in Boston, thereby enriching and inspiring the local arts community.

# BAD HABIT PRODUCTIONS

## FACT SHEET

### WHAT:

#### TWELFTH NIGHT

by William Shakespeare

Directed by Midori Harris

Produced by Daniel Morris & Lauren K. Terry

Stage Managed by Robert B. Holt

Costume Design by Pamela DeGregorio

Sound Design by Ryan Mackenzie

### CAST:

*Orsino* by Victor Shopov

*Valentine/First Officer* by Brashani Reece

*Curio/Second Officer* by Kandace C. Cummings

*Olivia* by Pamela DeGregorio

*Viola/Cesario* by Debra Mein

*Sebastian* by Jonathan Overby

*Captain/Priest* by Mike Budwey

*Antonio* by Kevin Kordis

*Malvolio* by Adam Sanders

*Sir Toby Belch* by Derek Fraser

*Maria* by Carrie Drzik

*Sir Andrew Aguecheek* by Mikey DiLoreto

*Feste (Clown)* by Caitlin Stewart-Swift

*Lady in Waiting* by Lesley Anne Moreau

### WHEN:

Fri. July 25 8 p.m. **Press opening**

Sat. July 26 2 p.m.

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Sun. July 27 2 p.m.

Thu. July 31 8 p.m.

Fri. Aug. 1 8 p.m.

Sat. Aug 2 2 p.m.

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Sun. Aug. 3 2 p.m.

**TICKETS:**

\$15 online

\$20 at the door

Students/Seniors: \$10 at the door

Tickets may be purchased by credit card on the company website: [www.badhabitproductions.org](http://www.badhabitproductions.org)