U of M School of Music’s University Opera Theatre
Presents Britten’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*

Minneapolis, MN (3/12/2013)—The University of Minnesota School of Music’s University Opera Theatre presents Benjamin Britten’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* (April 18-21, 2013) at Ted Mann Concert Hall (2128 4th St. S., Minneapolis, MN 55455). Tickets: $20 adults; $5 U of M students & children; group rates available. Two-for-one tickets available for University of Minnesota faculty, staff, retirees, and alumni. Seating is general admission. Call 612/624-2345 or visit www.opera.umn.edu for tickets.

University Opera Theatre Director David Walsh sets the opera in the early 1900s, an era influenced by the emergence of psychology as a way to investigate human behavior and focuses on the conflict among four young lovers – a love rectangle created by the mischievous fairy Puck.

Shakespeare’s play *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* is arguably one of his most popular, but also one of his most psychologically complex and open to a broad range of interpretation. The play seems to be about the triumph of youth over age, of the senses over reason, and the world of dreams and love over the everyday life of the city. Benjamin Britten has perfectly captured the striking polarities and ambivalences inherent in Shakespeare’s original play in music of breathtaking beauty and poignancy.

*A Midsummer Night’s Dream* is not one of Britten’s most frequently performed operas, although perhaps his most beautiful score. Join our quartet of young lovers, Bottom and his amateur acting troop and the fairy world of Oberon and Tytania for adventure in the Forest of Athens! More at opera.umn.edu.

Parking is available in the 21st Ave. ramp, one block southwest of the concert hall. Photographs available upon request. Email requests for photographs to marsh396@umn.edu. For more information on University Opera Theatre, visit opera.umn.edu.

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