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***Love's Labour's Lost*, a new musical from the creators of *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*.**

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City Theater Company opens the 22nd season this December with *Love's Labour's Lost*, the latest offering from Michael Friedman and Alex Timbers, the creators of *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*. This new musical tackles the Bard's classic comedy and updates it for a modern audience. It delighted crowds and critics during NYC's Shakespeare In The Park with its irreverent wit, clever tone, and sexy-silly approach to young love and the battle of the sexes.

Producing Artistic Director Michael Gray is a big fan of the writers, and how their work fits CTC. "I think Friedman and Timbers are a young force in the evolution of musical theatre. Their post-modern approach to the genre has led to some progressive, edgy, and very funny and outrageous pieces of theatre. We had a lot of success with the regional premiere of *BBAJ*, so when the opportunity to present their unique and modern interpretation of a classic Shakespeare comedy became available, I jumped on it. A musical about love inspired by '90's power ballads, boy band singles, and a Broadway classic or two—what's not to like? I love when we can bring our audiences new and inspired work by some of the most creative, fresh, and talented voices working in the theatre today."

The plot follows Shakespeare's, with some updated twists: at their college reunion, the King and his buddies vow to be celibate and devote themselves to their studies. The Princess and her entourage have other ideas, and they are aided and abetted unwittingly by the antics of a lovesick Spaniard, some fussy academic types, and a few townies from the local watering hole.

"It's quintessential CTC, and sits on our actors well," says Gray. "The cast is a mix of old school performers who have been with us for years, working alongside new school players direct from last season's smash *American Idiot*. It's an eclectic mix that brings great fun and energy to the piece."

Starring Tonya S. Baynes, Melissa Bernard, Jim Burns, Ben Deane, Dylan Geringer, Jeff Hunsicker, Lew Indellini, James Kassees, Mary Catherine Kelley, Jenna Kuerzi, George M. Murphy, Patrick O'Hara, Frank Schierloh, Brendan Sheehan, Kristin Romero Sheehan, Grace Tarves.

Score by Michael Friedman and Book by Alex Timbers. Directed by Michael Gray. Music Directed by Joe Trainor. Choreographed by Dawn Morningstar. Scenic and lighting design by Vicki Neale and Richard Kendrick. Costume design by Lauren Peters and Kerry Kristine McElrone. Assistant Directed by Jeff Robleto. Stage Managed by Stuart Thomas.

TICKET DETAILS: General admission \$25. Limited VIP seating \$40 and includes complimentary drinks, choice seating, and cast-signed program. Production runs Friday, December 4 through Saturday, December 19, 2015. All shows 8:00 p.m. except one 2:00 p.m. matinee Sunday, December 13. All shows at The Black Box, 4 South Poplar Street, Wilmington, DE 19805. Tickets available now at city-theater.org
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