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Circus Arts Students and Theatre Arts Students from Oakland School for the Arts Combine Skills to Perform Shakespeare's 'The Comedy of Errors' One Weekend Only!

(Oakland, October 10, 2011) Last year Oakland School for the Arts (OSA) and Kinetic Arts Center got together to figure out how to add a Circus Arts Emphasis to the OSA arts training curriculum. That accomplished, this year OSA's Theatre Arts Department and Circus Arts Department join forces to bring circus to the theatre and Shakespeare to the circus in a production of Shakespeare's 'The Comedy of Errors'. Directed by Terry Bamberger, this production features acrobats, clowns and aerialists in addition to the story and poetry of one of Shakespeare's most delightful plays.



Althea Young, Oakland School for the Arts: Circus Arts Emphasis Student Performs in the Theatre Arts Production of 'The Comedy of Errors'; Photo Credit: Shoot That Clown/Eric Gillet

"In our version, the town of Ephesus is suggestive of a 19th century Italian circus town and is rehearsing their annual circus performance. We have set the play within a traditional circus ring at Kinetic Arts Center – the training facility for OSA's Circus Arts kids." says Director Bamberger. "'The Comedy of Errors' is well suited to perform in this setting and has a rich history of portrayal in this fashion – popularly done with clowns and jesters in 19th century London productions and then resurging as such in the 21st century by the Flying Karamazov Brothers."

"It has been so much fun working with the Circus Arts kids, trying to find places to sprinkle into the play circus acts or clown gags." says Kinetic Arts Center's Artistic Director, Jaron Hollander. "It's also very exciting to merge theatre and circus curriculum in this more traditional vehicle through OSA – this is the magic that happens at an arts school that has the freedom to – well – make art."

Shakespeare's 'The Comedy of Errors' runs for one weekend! Thurs, Fri, Sat 11/3 -11/5 (7pm); Sun 11/6 (2pm* & 7pm). *This performance is ASL Interpreted. \$25 - \$10 Purchase advanced tickets at OSA until 10/17/11 or online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/202433>. Call (510) 701-1060. This production is held at Kinetic Arts Center, 785 7th St (at Brush St), Oakland, 94607

To learn more about Shakespeare's 'The Comedy of Errors', visit www.OakArts.org or **contact:** Michael Berry-Berlinski, Theatre Department Chair, Oakland School for the Arts, MBerry@Oakarts.org, (510) 356-8823.

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