

Wilson's School Dramatic Society

presents

TWELFTH NIGHT



by William Shakespeare

February 8, 9 & 10 1979

Twelfth Night

The play's alternative title, "What you Will", suggests the mood of the play. It is a light-hearted comedy, full of fun, wit and romance. Sebastian and Viola, twins, are shipwrecked and find themselves in the country of Illyria, each fearing the other is drowned. At the beginning, Viola asks what country it is, and we might ask the same: it is anywhere (although we might be forgiven for thinking that Illyria is in Italy, to which, curiously, parts of South London have been transported).

Then follows a series of delightful misunderstandings based on mistaken identity, because Viola adopts a boy's dress and name—Cesario—and serves the Count Orsino, mainly as an ambassador paying court on his behalf to the Lady Olivia. The inevitable happens: Viola falls in love with her master and is unable to reveal that love; Olivia becomes besotted with Cesario; then Sebastian appears, is mistaken for Cesario, and Olivia "gets her man" while Orsino believes himself betrayed by Cesario.

Interwoven with this plot is another involving Sir Toby Belch—coarse, bawdy and self-indulgent; Maria, Olivia's clever minx of a handwoman; and Feste, a clown in the conventional style—witty, musical and endowed with a flair for always landing on his feet; Sir Andrew Aguecheek, a "foolish knight", unmercifully used by Sir Toby; and Malvolio, who is Olivia's steward—pompous, conceited, humourless, and a "killjoy" on whom Sir Toby and his friends, with Maria's genius, wreak a cruel but extremely amusing revenge.

The play is a comedy, and predictably, all comes right in the end. Romance, music, wit and comic characters combine in one of Shakespeare's most delightful plays.

Cast

Count Orsino

Mark Chilcott

Sebastian

Steven Moore

Antonio

Ian Denham

Sea Captain

John Baker

Valentine

Michael Cock

Curio

Richard Couzins

Sir Toby Belch

Tim Crowley

Sir Andrew Aguecheek

John Nicholson

Malvolio

Tim Hudson

Fabian

Jonathan LeBihan

Feste

Richard Cook

Olivia

Paul Hadley

Viola

David Chang

Maria

Simon Finch

Attendants, Officers and Seamen: John Baker,
Nicholas Moger, Peter Walter, Neil Watson,
John Clarke.

Producers	Mr. K. Daynes, Mr. K. McDermid
Assisted by	Nick Losseff
Musical Director	Mr. C. White
Musicians:	
Violin	Oliver Lewis
Cello	David Woolgar
Flute	David Wood
Clarinet	Andrew Smith
Guitar	Robin Tate
Drums	Dominic Harding
Stage Manager	Mr. J. M. Shaw assisted by Jeff Brown, Richard Kent, Julian Issberner, Alex Workman, Bradley Walter, Peter Gleaves
Lighting	Mr. J. Gibbons assisted by Mark Oglethorpe, Graham Cope
Scenery	Mr. A. James, Miss J. Norgate
Costumes	Mrs. M. Chalker, Miss J. Norgate
Make-up	Mr. G. Parkinson assisted by Simon Furman, Howard Wiltshire, Anthony Smith
Prompter	John Baker
House Manager	Mr. J. Rankin assisted by Martin Wilks

We would like to extend our thanks to members of the P.T.A. for their help with interval refreshments, costumes and make-up.