



# NEW VILLAGE ARTS

MEDIA ALERT

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## **NEW VILLAGE ARTS PRESENTS THE WORLD PREMIERE OF THE MECHANICALS**

Performances August 11<sup>th</sup> through August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
at The Flower Fields

**Carlsbad, CA: (AUGUST 4, 2022)** New Village Arts (NVA), North County's cultural hub, is proud to be producing the World Premiere of Aleta Barthell's THE MECHANICALS, featuring professional actors with neurodiversity. Directed by NVA's Director of Education Samantha Ginn, THE MECHANICALS follows summer camp participants at the fictional Camp Bobindaweeds as they are asked to play an eclectic group of amateur actors in A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM. Not only do they learn how to perform Shakespeare, they find out how to follow their dreams and fall in love. The show will be staged on NVA's outdoor stage at The Flower Fields from August 11 – 14, 2022.

THE MECHANICALS is part of New Village Arts' professional actor training program for teens and young adults on the autism spectrum, and with Down Syndrome and other forms of neurodiversity, who wish to pursue careers in theatre. It is the fifth collaborative project between Aleta Barthell and Samantha Ginn. Last summer the duo presented the sold-out run of Janell Cannon's STELLALUNA and they are back again to bring their extraordinary talents and generous hearts to create an adventurous artistic theater experience that is accessible to both neurodiverse and neurotypical audience members. Surround events include talk-

backs with local organizations like [Groundworks Theatre](#) after the matinee on the 14th and other cast members and creatives on August 11 and 12th.

Original artwork is being showcased by [Able Arts Work](#), [Beacons](#), and [Revision Creative Workspace](#) and patrons can arrive early to take advantage of activities, games, and special treats by [Kevin The Baker](#). Gates open 30 minutes before performance times.

## THE MECHANICALS

Written by: **Aleta Barthell**

Directed by: **Samantha Ginn**

Assistant Teaching Artist/Musician/Actor: **Paul Eddy**

Shakespeare Consultant: **Steve Smith**

Set Design: **Doug Cumming**

Sound Designer/Engineer: **Marcus Rico**

Props: **Samantha Ginn and Andrea Moriarty**

Costumes: **Annie Tykwinski**

Graphic Designer: **Ludovico Estrada**

## CAST:

Matthew/Lion: **Max Lecanu-Fayet**

Melissa/Wall: **Stephanie Monis**

Adam/Mr. Stamppe: **Paul Eddy**

Lily: **Piper Haskett**

Vincent/Pyramus: **Reid Moriarty**

Anderson/Thisby: **Alfredo Verde**

Kate/Moonshine: **Rachel Ford**

Jonathan/Peter Quince: **Brendan Kerr**

William/Puck: **Liam Porter**

Ray/Ray the Rapper: **Kenton Makings**

Jeff/Foley: **Ethan Marr**

Connor/Fairy 1: **Corbin Barrows**

Kyle/Fairy 2: **Jacob Brown**

**Showtimes:** August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM and August 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM AND 6:30 PM. *Tickets are available at <https://newvillagearts.org/events/>*

**Location:** New Village Arts at The Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad.  
All performances are outdoors.

**Tickets:** General Admission \$15; Students, Senior and Active Military \$10. For more information, please visit the website [www.newvillagearts.org](http://www.newvillagearts.org), or call the box office at 760.433.3245

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