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**Bravo  
Company**

*Presents*

# ROMEO AND HARRIET

*By: Amy Sowers*



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It is spring and a young man's fancy turns to love. Going to the local disco to meet his current crush, Rosaline, Romeo glances across the crowded dance floor and catches the eye of Harriet. It is love at first sight, which would be fine if Harriet wasn't a Capulet and Romeo wasn't a Montague. Their families own competing department stores in New York City and their love can never be, or can it? The path to true love is never smooth, as these two star-crossed lovers will discover. This show is a hilarious parody of Shakespeare's most famous work.

Romeo's family, the Montagues own the upscale Montagues Department Store while Harriet's family owns the knock off, discount store, Capulets Department Store. Romeo and Harriet are played by Ian Montez and Audrey Schilling, both sixth year students with Bravo Company and have shared their talents in Bravo Company's *Flapper* and *The Rockin' Tale of Snow White* as well as performing in numerous showcases and other productions. Last fall, Ian was in Stage Right's production of *On Golden Pond*.

Mr. and Mrs. Montague are portrayed by Jimmy Starr and Abby Loomis. Brandon Mathieson and Rylee Ashabran are Mr. and Mrs. Capulet. Romeo's best friends are Mercutio (Ara Hollyday) and Benvolio (James Pate) who are clerks at Montagues Department Store. Owen McWhirter plays Tybalt, an essential employee of Capulets Department Store. Harriet's nurse is played by Delaney Hart while her brother Maximillian Hart plays Friar Laurence.

Opening the show are Prologues 1 (Emili Stowe) and Prologue 2 (Daire McLeod) assisted by a chorus of deliciously named characters: Oregano, Carpaccio, Risotto, Prosciutto, Antipasto, Pesto, Mayo and Romano played by Renee O'Connell, Rheanna O'Keefe, Katie Kowalik, Madge Barrera, Anna Peterson, Lillie Cobb and Ansley Bull. They will explain Shakespeare's poetic rhythmic scheme, iambic Pentameter, in a most entertaining way!

*Romeo and Harriet* is directed by Amy Sowers who has directed numerous children's shows including *Flap-*

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per, *The Rocking Tale of Snow White* and *Shakespeare Comes to Calamity Creek*. She is the executive director of Bravo Company, the educational wing of Stage Right, the resident theatre troupe at the historic Crighton Theatre. She is on the board of directors of Stage Right and the Crighton Theatre Foundation.

Devin Norwood, a senior at Sam Houston State University in musical theatre is the choreographer and stage manager for this production. He recently traveled to New York to perform in the SHSU Senior Showcase and recently performed in *The Wedding Singer* in Houston. He served as an instructor for Bravo Company this

year and choreographed last year's production, *Flapper*. Josh Beck is serving as student director. Josh studied with Bravo Company for several years and was the Prince in *The Rocking Tale of Snow White* and also performed in Stage Right's production of *A Christmas Story*. Bravo Company members Megan Jones and Madison Rodriguez are our production assistants. Also assisting with costumes, sound and lighting is Bravo Company instructor Melody Montez.

*Romeo and Harriet* will be presented on May 20 at 7:00 and May 21 at 2:00 at the Crighton Theatre in downtown Conroe. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students. You can buy tickets by calling the box office at (936) 441-7469 or by going to [crightontheatre.org](http://crightontheatre.org). If you are interested in attending Bravo Company classes, contact Amy Sowers at [amybsowers@msn.com](mailto:amybsowers@msn.com). New classes begin in September. Tuition is \$50.00 per month.

Come and share this "tragical" comedy *Romeo and Harriet*. Be assured, laughter and singing abound! No one dies in our production, so all's well that ends well. ♦

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