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For: *A Midsummer Night's Dream (Abridged)*
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Live Performances of New Work and Summertime Shakespeare Hosted by Oregon Contemporary Theatre in July

In-person performances July 16-18, July 22-24

EUGENE, OR — Oregon Contemporary Theatre is delighted to host live, in-person performances by two different sets of emerging artists in July 2021. Summertime love turns absurd in ***A Midsummer Night's Dream (abridged)***, adapted and presented by The Tall Tales Players, July 16 through July 24. And OCT welcomes Hailey Henderson back to Eugene bringing sunflowers and stories in the tour of her autobiographical work ***Blackout: A One-Woman Show***, directed by Valerie Curtis-Newton and presented July 17 and July 18. All performances take place at Oregon Contemporary Theatre's home at 194 West Broadway in downtown Eugene. Live performance tickets start at \$15 and are available online at www.octheatre.org or by calling (541)465-1506.

Whimsy, wonder, and lovesick absurdities await in ***A Midsummer Night's Dream (abridged)***. Join us for the misadventures of four young lovers, a traveling theatre troupe, and meddling fairies in a magical forest where sometimes all it takes to find your path is to get lost along the way. ***A Midsummer Night's Dream (abridged)*** is an ensemble-driven adaptation produced by The Tall Tale Players, an emerging group of artists who met in the UO Theatre Arts program.

Grab a sunflower and a cold beer and settle in for a story. ***Blackout: A One-Woman Show*** explores the destructive nature of sexual and emotional abuse and the cost of blending in to survive. Writer and performer Hailey Henderson (seen at OCT in *NW10*, *The Revolutionists* and *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*) embodies her mother, her ex-boyfriend, her abuser and herself in a funny, edgy, radical reclaiming of her true story. Originally written to be live-streamed from Henderson's porch at her Seattle home, ***Blackout*** is touring throughout the West Coast in Summer 2021. Selected performance venues honor the show's intimate roots in all the cities Hailey has called home, including locations from theatre stages to porches of private residences.

Tickets for ***A Midsummer Night's Dream (abridged)*** and ***Blackout*** start at \$15 for live, in-person performances. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.octheatre.org or call the OCT Box Office: (541)465-1506.

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Performance Calendar

Friday, July 16	7:30pm	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream (abridged)</i>
Saturday, July 17	2:00pm 7:30pm	<i>Blackout: A One-Woman Show</i> <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream (abridged)</i>
Sunday, July 18	2:00pm 7:30pm	Matinee - <i>Blackout: A One-Woman Show</i> <i>Blackout: A One-Woman Show</i>
Thursday, July 22	7:30pm	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream (abridged)</i>
Friday, July 23	7:30pm	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream (abridged)</i>
Saturday, July 24	2:00pm 7:30pm	Matinee - <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream (abridged)</i> <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream (abridged)</i>