

## **A Midsummer Night's Dream**

### **FILM REVIEW**

#### **Technical data:**

- a) **TITLE AND GENRE:** *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, comedy
- b) **DIRECTOR:** Michael Hoffman
- c) **SCREENWRITER:** Michael Hoffman based on W. Shakespere's play
- d) **YEAR:** 1999
- e) **PRODUCTION:** U.S.A.
- f) **AWARDS:** no awards

#### **Setting and plot:**

- a) **SETTING AND PERIOD:** Italy, 19th century
- b) **PLOT:** Hermia runs into the forest with her lovers Lysander to escape her father's obligation to marry Demetrius. Helena who loves Demetrio, tells him about the escape and Demetrius follows them. In the forest, they wander into the fairy world, where King Oberon and Queen Titania reign . Here Oberon's goblin Puck causes confusion among the lovers with a magic potion and both Lysander and Demetrius fall in love with Helena. Meanwhile, with the same potion Oberon charms Titania, who falls in love with a local amateur actor, Nick Bottom whose head Puck has turned into that of an ass. ...
- c) **CAST:** Rupert Everett as King Oberon; Michelle Pfeiffer as Queen Titania and Stanley Tucci as Puck.
- d) **CONCLUSION:** Eventually, Oberon tired of his own tricks puts all things right: Lysander goes back with Hermia, Demetrius with Helena, and he reconciles with his own queen, Titania. In the final part, Bottom and his troupe perform their amateur play, Pyramus and Thisbe, before the authority, unintentionally producing a comedy.

#### **Your opinion:**

- a) **ON ACTORS:** the actors are very good, in particular Puck is humoristic and satiric .
- b) **ON SCREENPLAY:** it is surely effective and interesting
- c) **ON DIALOGUES AND DIRECTING:** both dialogue and directing are intriguing.
- d) **ON THE SOUND-TRACK:** the sound-track really suits the action and comments on it successfully
- e) **ON PHOTOGRAPHY:** the photography really helps to communicate the feelings and emotions of the scenes.
- f) **ON COSTUMES:** the costumes are updated in 19th century and the comedy assumes a modern taste.

#### **Evaluation**

- a) **YOUR VOTE:** 😊good ;
- b) **DO YOU RECOMMEND IT?:** good;