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Elly Gottsch, who is also a 2019 West Salem grad, plays the role of Celia, Rosalind's cousin and best friend. Celia is very loyal and devoted to Rosalind, and falls madly in love with Oliver (played by Connor O'Ryan), who starts the play as a jerk, but then transforms into a charismatic character.

But despite her caring heart, Celia is vulnerable to emotions that are on the verge of irrational.

"I love Shakespeare in general, so getting the chance to be a part of one of the shows that has such big female roles is very empowering to be a part of," Gottsch said.

While she wants to stay fairly close to the original story, Mansur also adds some unique spins on the play.

For instance, Mansur split the role of Touchstone — a court jester who points out the foolishness of those around him — into two separate characters that are brother and sister.

There are also some characters that have traditionally been cast by males — like the roles of Jaques and Corin — that are being played by female actors. And instead of having the setting be in traditional Renaissance style, Mansur has the story taking place during the late 1800s in a "riverboat gambling" setting.



ABOVE: Jaiden Holder, who plays the role of Rosalind, smiles as her love interest, Orlando (played by Toby Sampson) writes poetry.

"The wonderful part about Shakespeare is that he's been where the cast interacts with the audience.

"I tell them to go bug the audience. Go find a nice family, sit with them, steal their food," Mansur said. "That's the thing about live theater. You get the opportunity to have an energy exchange with the audience."

Ed Stiner, who plays the role of Adam, a humble and loyal servant, has been in numerous local productions over the last six years in the Salem-Keizer area. But one thing he still marvels at is the talent that this

area has to offer, as well as the talent that is in this show.

"It's a great group. There's some talented people here who create good characters," Stiner said. "In finding community theater, I was surprised to find out how much talent there is in the Salem-Keizer area. There are a lot of people that could, in my opinion, make it on the big screen or Broadway if they wanted to."

Even if someone isn't the biggest fan of Shakespeare, Mansur believes that anyone who attends will enjoy the show.

"It's great family-fun. Anyone can enjoy this show, regardless of their experience with Shakespeare. That's the upside of it being a comedy," Mansur said.

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— Jaiden Holder



Backed by the Keizer Chamber of Commerce Board members, outgoing president Bob Shackelford shakes hands with successor Jonathan Thompson.

Chamber inducts new president

The Keizer Chamber of Commerce installed its slate of 2019-20 officers and directors at a luncheon on Tuesday, July 9 at Log House Gardens.

Jonathan Thompson of Northwest Dental Arts took over the president's gavel from Bob Shackelford, who becomes past president.

Other new officers are president-elect Dave Walery of Walery's Premium Pizza, treasurer James Hutches, Country Financial and secretary Jane Lowery, Willamette Valley Bank.

Newly elected members of the board of directors are Mike Adams, Adam's Rib Smokehouse, Michelle Adame, Copy Cats NW and David Smith, First Interstate Bank. They join the continuing directors Larry Jackson, Jackson's Body Shop, Kyle Juran, Remodeling by Classic Homes, Carlos Pineda, El Patron Mexican Restaurant, Scott White, Dialysis Systems Management and Kalynn Wright, K's Catering.

The event's speaker was Chief John Teague of the Keizer Police Department.



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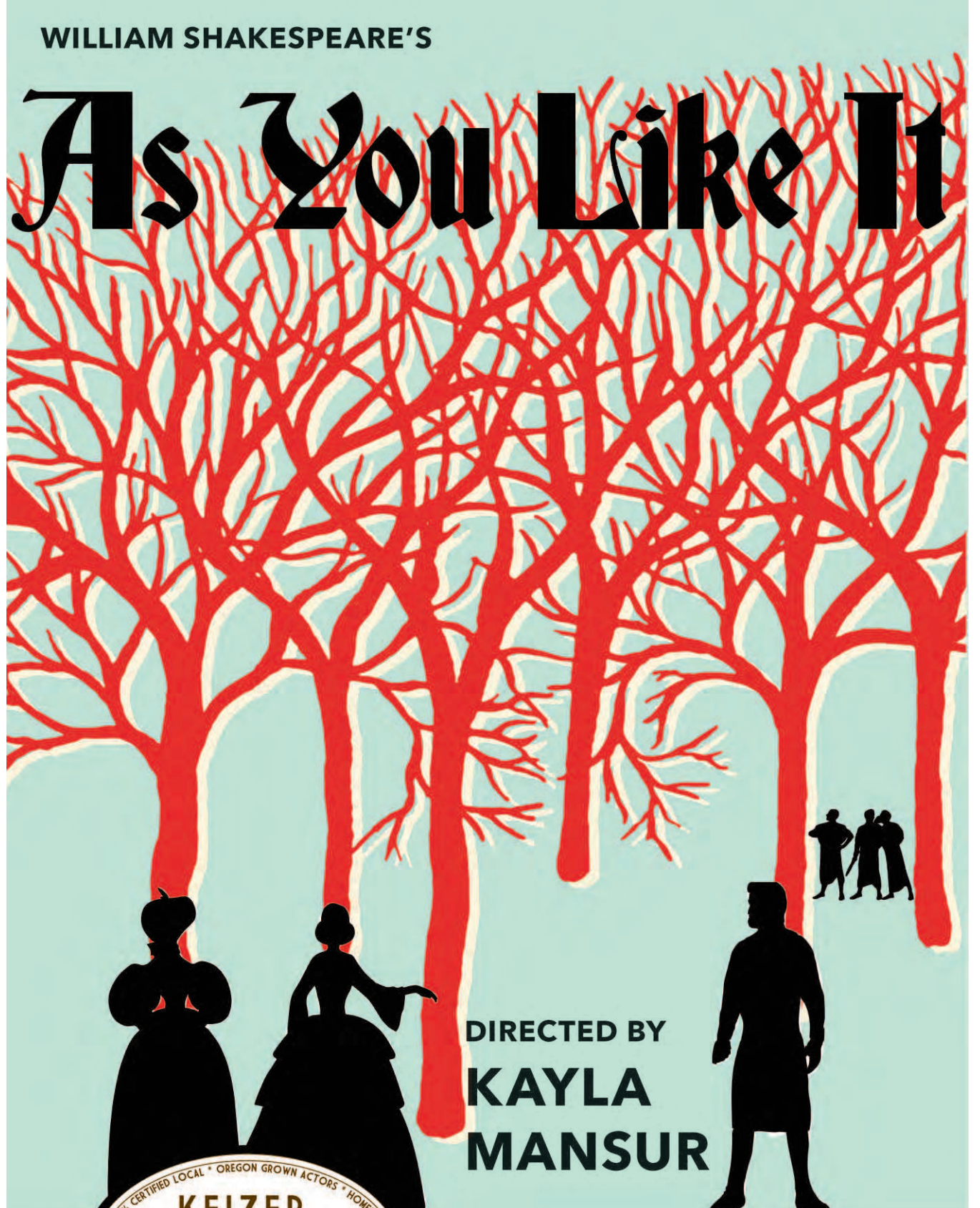


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