THE WINTER'S TALE

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Synopsis

The Sicilian court of Leontes is thrown into confusion when the King suddenly accuses his wife, Hermione, of an illicit relationship with Polixenes, the visiting king of Bohemia. The jealous Leontes commissions a follower to poison Polixenes but his plot is revealed and the innocent Bohemian escapes to his home. Believing his suspicions confirmed, Leontes orders that the queen be imprisoned and the daughter which is born to her, taken from the country and abandoned to fate. A faithful courtier carries the baby Princess to the coast of Bohemia where he leaves her for dead. The child is discovered by an old shepherd, however, who decides to raise her as his own daughter.

In Sicilia, Queen Hermione, maintaining her innocence, appeals for judgement to the oracle of Apollo. When a messenger arrives from Delphi proclaiming Hermione chaste and Leontes a jealous tyrant, however, the King defies the proclamation and orders the trial to proceed. Almost as in answer to this profanation, news arrives that Prince Mamillius, Leontes' son, has suddenly died. Hermione faints and later it is reported that she too has died. Heartbroken, Leontes repents his sacrilege and goes into mourning.

Sixteen years pass. In Bohemia, Polixenes having learned of his son's romance with an unknown shepherd girl resolves to spy on him. In disguise, he follows Prince Florizel to a sheep-shearing feast where the lovely Perdita welcomes the guests to her father's cottage. During the festivities, when Florizel announces his intention of marrying Perdita, the disguised Polixenes discloses his identity and forbids the match. Though Perdita is resigned to her fate, the Prince resolves to take her to the security of a foreign country where they can be wed in peace.

Learning of his son's flight, Polixenes follows him to Sicilia but before he can execute his wrath, the evidence of the Old Shepherd who had accompanied the young couple reveals Perdita to be the lost daughter of Leontes. In the midst of the rejoicings, the court is reminded of the long-dead Hermione. The faithful waiting-woman, Paulina, offers to show the King a life-like statue of the Queen which she has had carved for her chapel. When Leontes visits the shrine, his wonder at the craftsmanship of the sculptor is only surpassed by his amazement when the statue comes to life and proves to be Hermione herself who had vowed to live in seclusion until the return of her daughter.

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
THE DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE

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CAST IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

TIME . . . . . Kenneth Slade
ARCHIDAMUS, a Lord of Bohemia . . . . . Dave Arnott
CAMILLO, a Lord of Sicilia . . . . . Bertrand LeFrancois
POLIXENES, King of Bohemia . . . . . Thomas Shandel
LEONTES, King of Sicilia . . . . . Richard Irwin
HERMIONE, Queen to Leontes . . . . . Doreen Odling
MAMILLIUS, son to Leontes . . . . . Nicky Orchard
EMILIA, ANNE — Ladies-in-waiting to Hermione . . Jane Heyman, Katherine Robertson
ANTIGONUS, a Lord of Sicilia . . . . . George Bowering
A LORD OF SICILIA . . . . . Martin Petter
PAULINA, wife to Antigonus . . . . . Anna-May McKellar
GAOLER . . . . . Dave Arnott
SERVANT TO LEONTES . . . . . Lawrence Carlson
OFFICER OF THE COURT . . . . . Jamie Reid
CLEOMINES, DION — Two Lords of Sicilia . . . . . Doug Cousins, Michael Matthews
A MARINER . . . . . Tony Sibbald
BEAR . . . . . Larry Kent
AN OLD SHEPHERD . . . . . Kenneth Slade
A YOUNG SHEPHERD, his son . . . . . John Godfrey
AUTOLYCUS, a rogue . . . . . A.C. Annan
FLORIZEL, son to Polixenes . . . . . Phillip Brown
PERDITA, daughter to Leontes . . . . . Gail Hill
MOPSA, DORCAS — Two Shepherdesses . . . . . Nora Wright, Ann Clemons
SERVANT TO THE OLD SHEPHERD . . . . . David Arnott
TWO LORDS OF SICILIA . . . . . Jamie Reid, Dave Arnott

LORDS, ATTENDANTS, LADIES, RUSTICS: . . . . . .
. . . . Jim Bodel, Sharon Bunce, Dick Daly, Lorne Dickson, Virginia
. . . . Dunseith, David Fitzpatrick, Laurent Goulet, Larry Kent,
. . . . Martin Petter, Jamie Reid, Cathie Rivers, Katherine Robertson,
. . . . Tony Sibbald, Mary Ward Spilsbury, Patrick Wright

The scene is laid partly in Sicilia and partly in Bohemia.
There will be one intermission of fifteen minutes.

PRODUCTION STAFF

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LIGHTING DESIGN . . . . . NORMAN YOUNG
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ROBERT CLOTHIER
MYRA KELSEY
PROPERTIES . . . . . VIRGINIA DUNSEITH
JOAN HAGGERTY
LYNNE DICKSON
STAGE CREW . . . . . MEMBERS OF THE
U.B.C. PLAYERS' CLUB
MUSIC PERFORMED BY . . . . . SUSAN HARRIS (flute)
WILLIAM FAWCETT (guitar)
MUSIC RECORDED BY . . . . . DOUG GYSEMAN
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12:30 P.M. - BUCHANAN 100

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"myth and symbol in The Winter's Tale"

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"Modern Shakespearean Production"

Panelists: JOHN BROCKINGTON
JOY COGHILL
SALLY CREIGHTON
SYDNEY RISK

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MARCH 15 - 17	PLAYERS' CLUB SPRING PLAY *Directed by Dorothy Somerset*
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