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(St. Petersburg, Fla.) June 10, 2009 - John Conlon, PhD, adjunct professor of English, directs *Twelfth Night*, the latest production at the St. Petersburg Little Theatre where he also serves as Board President. The show opens Friday, June 12, and runs for three weekends with shows on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

The USFSP community is invited to attend this production of one of William Shakespeare's classic comedies with a twist - love is found and lost to a Latin beat. To purchase tickets, call the St. Petersburg Little Theater Box Office at (727) 866-1973. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$20 for adults. [Click here](#) to visit the theater's Web site.

Joe McCue, USFSP student, plays Sebastian. Incoming student David Holbrook plays the Second Officer. Former student Charlotte Quandt is the stage manager and Melanie Marquez, communications and marketing officer for University Relations, plays Viola.

"Shakespeare's stories, as alive now as when he wrote them, transcend time and place in their lessons and power to entertain," Conlon said. "In shifting his story of *Twelfth Night* to the modern world, I have honored the language first published in the Folio of 1623, but set his lyrics to familiar 20th Century rhythms. The Elizabethan Twelfth Night celebrations of Misrule find their contemporary equivalent in an extended Carnivale on an enchanted island where, as he wrote in two other plays, 'The course of true love never did run smooth.'"

Expect to see revelers perform Caribbean-inspired dances with a live band while the tale unfolds: Orsino loves Olivia who uses the excuse of mourning for her brother to deny Orsino's suit. The shipwrecked Viola, disguised as Cesario, falls for Orsino while Olivia falls for Cesario. Maria loves Toby, Andrew courts Olivia, Anotonia loves Viola's presumed drowned brother Sebastian who falls under Olivia's spell as does her steward, Malvolio.

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