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**FROM DISGUISES AND SURPRISES, LOVE, AND LAUGHTER—
AQUILA THEATRE COMPANY RETURNS TO LONG BEACH IN
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE’S WITTY CLASSIC *TWELFTH NIGHT***

LONG BEACH, Calif. – The acclaimed Aquila Theatre Company is staging a hip, updated production of William Shakespeare’s *Twelfth Night* as part of Wit & Wisdom Series at Carpenter Performing Arts Center on the campus of Cal State Long Beach on Saturday, Mar. 15, 2014 at 8pm.

Aquila Theatre will take Shakespeare’s great masterpiece and infuse it with their unique brand of innovative and exciting theatricality. Aquila Theatre's creative team—led by Peter Meineck and Robert Richmond—will free the essential spirit of the play in a production that will be both faithful to Shakespeare and relevant and accessible to a modern audience. This contemporary production will encompass and enhance the shipwreck, duels, love and jealousy, disguises, suspicion, and ultimate reconciliation of Shakespeare's superb text.

The New Yorker describes Aquila Theatre productions as “beautifully spoken, dramatically revealing and crystalline in effect.” Founded in London in 1991 by Peter Meineck, the company’s mission is to bring the greatest theatrical works to the greatest number, and presents a regular season of plays in New York and at international festivals.

Now based in New York City since 1999, theatre education programming has become an important component of Aquila Theatre’s mission, and has developed The Shakespeare Leaders—a bold and innovative program which students learn and perform Shakespeare in Harlem and the Bronx.

Aquila Theatre has gone on to win popular, critical and academic acclaim worldwide and regularly appears at international festivals with performances in places as diverse as Carnegie Hall, the Ancient

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Stadium at Delphi, the Center at Cathedral Plaza in Los Angeles, and the White House. A few of their past productions that have gone on tour include *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *As You Like It*, *Julius Caesar*, *The Odyssey*, and *The Importance of Being Earnest*—most recently performed in Southern California at Carpenter Performing Arts Center in 2012.

Tickets for Aquila Theatre in William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* are now on sale. For group rates, special seating requests, or discounts for seniors or students, please contact the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000 or visit www.CarpenterArts.org. This presentation is made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3FM.

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CALENDAR LISTING

Photos are available – Please contact Francisco Juanillo at (562) 985-1822

What: Aquila Theatre in William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*

When: Saturday, Mar. 15, 2014 at 8pm

Where: Carpenter Performing Arts Center
6200 Atherton St.
Long Beach, CA 90815

Tickets: \$40

Ticket Office: (562) 985-7000, www.CarpenterArts.org
Box Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 11am-6pm
Saturdays are closed except on season performance days from Noon – 4pm.

In Brief: A whirlwind of passion, surprises, tricks, and disguises awaits you in Shakespeare's irresistible romantic comedy. A shipwrecked young woman falls in love with the local duke, who is in love with the local Countess, who is in love with the first woman she believes is a man, whose twin brother arrives to add even more chaos in this rollicking tale of mistaken identity and unrequited love!

Additional information and tickets available at the Carpenter Center's website: www.CarpenterArts.org