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A Stage Reborn Brings Theater — and Shakespeare — to the 21st Century

This nonprofit organization is bringing classic literature to an online gaming community.

SEATTLE, Washington, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 — A Stage Reborn is producing their fifth and most ambitious virtual theatre production to date. Rehearsals are currently underway for A Stage Reborn’s rendition of the Shakespearean classic, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. The nonprofit organization delivers Shakespeare’s literature through a new medium: the online massive-multiplayer online game by Square Enix, Final Fantasy XIV.

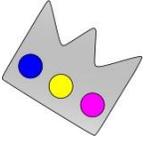
For virtual theatre, the group uses player-housing to construct life-like interactive theatrical sets to perform in, using the in-game chat box like subtitles for viewers. Using experienced performing artists and dramaturgy, rehearsals are constructed to teach volunteer gamers, creatives and even participating staff useful real-world theatre skills such as Method Acting tools, the use of Laban Efforts, costume theory and of course, the historic significance of how Shakespeare’s language paints the stage.

A Stage Reborn is a 501(c)(3) charity with a mission to make the arts more accessible. Since its inception in 2015, A Stage Reborn continues to put on multiple projects that teach and highlight visual and performing arts on a global level. While its premiere project is virtual theatre, some of the other activities include educational workshops and a digital choir. Many of the people that are involved in A Stage Reborn’s productions have cited the nonprofit’s activities as their first foray into the world of theater. One of the volunteers on the current production commented:

“Working with A Stage Reborn has sparked my interest in [real life] costume design for sure. There is a local theatre near me that is always looking for volunteers, and I’m actually considering volunteering there due to my work with A Stage Reborn.” — *“Titor”, Costume Designer*

For other members, the online platform Final Fantasy XIV provides lets them express themselves in a safe space. Another volunteer commented:

“It’s been fun and personally rewarding being part of something that is unique in that it shows, with enough imagination and time, even someone who gets major panic attacks in a room full of people can work on trying to overcome those fears ” — *“Amilee Duskwind”, Titania and Stage Manager*



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A Midsummer Night's Dream is set to perform on Friday, September 27th at 6:30PM PDT; Saturday, September 28th at 6:30PM PDT; and Sunday September 29th at 12:00PM PDT and 2:00PM PDT. The performance is free to the public on A Stage Reborn's Twitch channel (<https://twitch.tv/AStageReborn>) with limited seating for in-game attendance. Information can be found on A Stage Reborn's page for the show. (<https://ASR.to/Shakespeare>)

About A Stage Reborn

A Stage Reborn is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation based in Washington state and all charitable donations are tax deductible. A Stage Reborn make arts opportunities more accessible through activities that transform the arts.

In October, A Stage Reborn will have a table at the High Plains Mini-Con in Scottsbluff, Nebraska to help educate others on how they can contribute to greater access to the visual and performing arts by transforming the arts.

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