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## **FOOLS UPSTAGED!**

*(well, sort of . . .)*

Never inclined to let the grass grow under their feet, the Company of Fools will elevate their production of **A Midsummer Night's Dream** to new heights this summer with the introduction of a travelling stage. Award winning set designer, Ivo Valentik has created what he describes as "multipurpose reusable modular units of eco-friendly Canadian sourced birch plywood that represent an efficient use of resources." That's set designer fancy talk for portable blocks that fit together like Lego.

Director Al Connors explains that the travelling stage will elevate the actors "for better sightlines and to be better heard." The change is in response to the popularity of the Summer Torchlight series and the growing following of the Company.

"The elevation will allow us to create more interesting stage pictures with the wide open green park at our backs as a backdrop, creating a more impressive outdoor theatre. These versatile custom designed units will imply the temple setting of the play, and also convey the forests," Connors explains.

Over 7000 people enjoyed the Fools' Summer Torchlight production in 2009. Audiences in 2010 can expect more of the Fools' signature innovative, entertaining and accessible brand of physical theatre.

A Company of Fools Summer Torchlight Series production of **A Midsummer Night's Dream** tours area parks July 2<sup>nd</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup>. See [www.Fools.ca](http://www.Fools.ca) for locations

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