



February 9 & 10 at 7:30pm

THE RUDE MECHANICALS PRESENT:

Much Ado About Nothing

ADMISSION: \$15 / \$13 DCAC members

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The Theatrical conventions of Shakespeare's day necessitated an extremely interesting deception: a unisex cast, playing both male and female roles. In seventeenth century England, boys would have played women's roles; today, we have the chance to turn the tables in that "merry war."

The Rudes' Much Ado is set in 1943, in the midst of World War II. The men are all off to war, and the women are left behind, to put on a play in their absence. An all-female cast assumes a host of roles traditionally played by men, adding one more layer of illusion to the mix