**Title:** A Midsummer Night’s Dream: Love, Mischief, and Magic in 15 Minutes

**Cast:** 5 Actors (ages 12–14)

**Doubling Roles:**

* **Actor 1:** Puck / Lysander
* **Actor 2:** Hermia / Oberon
* **Actor 3:** Helena / Titania
* **Actor 4:** Demetrius / Egeus / Fairy
* **Actor 5:** Theseus / Bottom / Narrator

**Setting:** A simple enchanted forest. A few leafy props, flower crowns, labeled boxes for trees or fairy realms. Colorful lighting helps define shifts.

**[Prologue – Narrator enters with a flower crown.]**

**NARRATOR (A5):**
Welcome to Athens, where love runs wild,
And into a forest, dreams get beguiled.
Four lovers flee, fairies meddle with fate,
Now let us begin before it’s too late!

*(Snaps fingers. Lights change. Lovers enter.)*

**Scene 1: The Lovers’ Tangle**

**EGEUS (A4):**
Theseus, my lord, I bring complaint—
My daughter Hermia disobeys me!
She will not marry Demetrius, but loves Lysander!

**THESEUS (A5):**
Hermia, obey your father or prepare for the nunnery.

**HERMIA (A2):**
I’ll run away with Lysander into the woods!

**HELENA (A3):**
Demetrius loves Hermia. I love Demetrius. Oh, love is cruel!

**NARRATOR:**
So all four young lovers run into the forest… where mischief awaits.

**Scene 2: Fairy Trouble**

**OBERON (A2):**
Titania, you shall give me the changeling child!

**TITANIA (A3):**
Not for thy fairy kingdom!

**OBERON:**
Then I shall prank thee. Puck!

**PUCK (A1):**
Here and ready for mischief!

**OBERON:**
Take this flower, whose juice makes the sleeper love the first they see.
Drop it on Titania’s eyes—and on a young Athenian lad too.

**Scene 3: The Mistakes Begin**

**PUCK:**
Oops! I mistook the lovers—now Lysander loves Helena!

**LYSANDER (A1):**
Helena, you goddess, nymph, perfect divine!

**HELENA:**
You mock me, cruel man!

**HERMIA:**
What?! Lysander, you love *her* now?

**DEMETRIUS (A4):**
Wait—I love Helena too!

**NARRATOR:**
Confusion reigns! The girls fight, the boys duel, and Puck giggles in the trees.

**Scene 4: All Is Mended**

**OBERON:**
Puck, undo this mess at once.

**PUCK:**
Yes, master! I’ll fix the mix-ups with moonlight and mist.

*(Lovers fall asleep. Puck reverses spell.)*

**PUCK:**
When they awake, all will be right.

**TITANIA:**
I fell in love with a donkey?! (Bottom enters with donkey mask.)

**BOTTOM (A5):**
Hee-haw! Was it a dream?

**Scene 5: The Weddings**

**THESEUS (A5):**
All the lovers are happily matched? Let us wed them all!

**NARRATOR:**
And so, love was restored, mischief forgiven, and dreams remembered.

**PUCK:**
If we shadows have offended,
Think but this and all is mended—
That you have but slumbered here,
While these visions did appear.

**[Lights fade. Curtain.]**