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Beatrice (Emma Thompson) and Benedick (Kenneth Branagh) share a tender moment as he reveals his true feelings for her in "Much Ado About Nothing."

Adaptation of Shakespeare filled with love, laughs in 16th century

"Much Ado About Nothing"



It's about damn time. Finally, "Much Ado About Nothing" arrives in Lincoln, four months after its national release. It was definitely worth the wait.

again makes Shakespeare accessible to mere mortals. In addition to directing and adapt-

ing the play for the screen, Branagh stars as Benedick, a man determined never to fall to the wiles of women. Emma Thompson — Branagh's

real-life spouse - co-stars brilliantly as Benedick's nemesis, Beatrice. She, too, has sworn off love.

But theirs is not the central love which belongs to young lovers Hero (Kate Beckinsale) and Claudio (Robert Sean Leonard), whose love is tortured by the jealous and mean spirited Don John — played by a frightfully miscast Keanu Reeves.

In a stroke of genius, Branagh cast

Through this lushly photographed, Denzel Washington as Don John's richly acted film, Kenneth Branagh brother, Don Pedro, a war hero whose brother, Don Pedro, a war hero whose return sparks both love stories and his brother's revenge. Washington's Pedro is wise and hatches a mischievous plan to unite Benedick and

Shakespeare always has a fool, and Michael Keaton does an interesting, albeit distracting, take on the bumbling

Too much happens too well to reveal, so suffice it to say that "Much Ado About Nothing" is an absolute must see, a giddy romp through the 16th century, replete with love and laughter.

- Anne Steyer

Ballet

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Doyle said UPC needed to change the mindset students had toward the center.

"There is a great deal of diversity artistically," he said.

Aside from traditional performances like ballet and orchestras, the Lied's schedule for fall and spring includes performances by Jerry Lewis, two acapella singing groups—the Bobs and the Nylons, a cowboy trip, jazz performers like a cowboy trio, jazz performers like T.S. Monk and the Gary Burton

Quartet and even a laser light show.
In order to get student input,
Lamphere said, Lied officials meet with UPC members every year. Last year, student representatives

asked for more Broadway performances and dance groups, Lamphere said.
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David Dorfman Dance of New York, which will incorporate performances by area athletes Oct. 30 and 31, the Bella Lewitzky Dance Company in February, the Repertory Dance Theatre of Salt Lake City, Utah, in March, the David Parsons Dance and Billy Taylor Jazz Trio in April.

Broadway musicals include

Broadway musicals include
"Man of La Mancha" in January,
"City of Angels" in April and "The
Sound of Music" in June.

"The Wizard of Oz" and "Porgy and Bess" will also make it to the Lied stage in November and Febru-

ary, respectively.

Students tend to doubt the quality of the schedule, Lamphere said, but they should understand that they are getting the best in the nation.

"Students aren't aware that the

Lied center is one of the premiere centers for performers in the nation, even though it is on a college campus," she said.

That's true with the NYC Ballet

too, she said.
"Here is an opportunity to see
the finest quality dancers in the
world. This is not junk."

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