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GOINGS ON ABOUT TOWN: THE THEATRE

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## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

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To attend these free presentations of Shakespeare in the parks, by New York Classical Theatre, there's no waiting in line, but there is some light hiking involved. At a recent early-evening performance in Central Park, near the Central Park W. and W. 103rd St. entrance, the audience of a couple hundred would periodically pick up their blankets and folding chairs and happily follow the action to various sites around the body of water known as the Pool. Other natural venues for this troupe specializing in panoramic productions include Rockefeller Park, Prospect Park, and Carl Schurz Park. Sean Hagerty directs an energetic, strong-lunged cast of twelve in the Bard's dizzy, delirious, bighearted comedy. Later in the summer, to challenge the dog days, the company will present "The Winter's Tale."