

For the 2006/2007 winter semester, Trier's English Drama Group performed William Shakespeare's arguably most successful and popular comedy

***Much Ado About Nothing***,

a story about status, men and women, deception, jealousy and, above all, love.

On a fine day in Messina, where governor **Leonato** (Sebastian Schmitt) lives with his sister **Antonia** (Victoria Bützler) in a reposed household, visitors arrive.

**Don Pedro** (Bernd Elzer), Prince of Aragon, and his train, consisting of Count **Claudio** (Thomas Wahrlich) of Florence and Signor **Benedick** (Immanuel Bartz) of Padua, return from a field campaign as victors with Don Pedro's illegitimate sister **Jane** (Jessica Whiteley), who has stood out against him in the past.

As Benedick and Leonato's niece **Beatrice** (Ulrike Annecke) resume their usual "war of wits", everyone else, including Hero's servants **Ursula** (Sarah Schwarz) and **Margaret** (Bozena Schmidt), seems to be trying to bring them together. Claudio finds himself smitten by Leonato's beautiful daughter **Hero** (Sigrid Maria Tancke) while Jane, driven by jealousy, plays the part of a true fiend. Collaborating with her servants **Borachio** (Andreas Lang) and **Silvia** (Sariana Samarescu), she is intent on ruining the approaching wedding of Hero and Claudio by **Friar Francis** (Manuel Anghel) for spite's sake.

Unfortunately, unless the blundering **Watch** (Verena Cavelius, Lukas Tillmann, Christiane Bacher), instructed by the highly inept master constable **Dogberry** (Christoph Nonn) and lead by the even less competent **Seacoal** (Daniela Kunz), smarten up drastically, Jane might just end up getting her will...

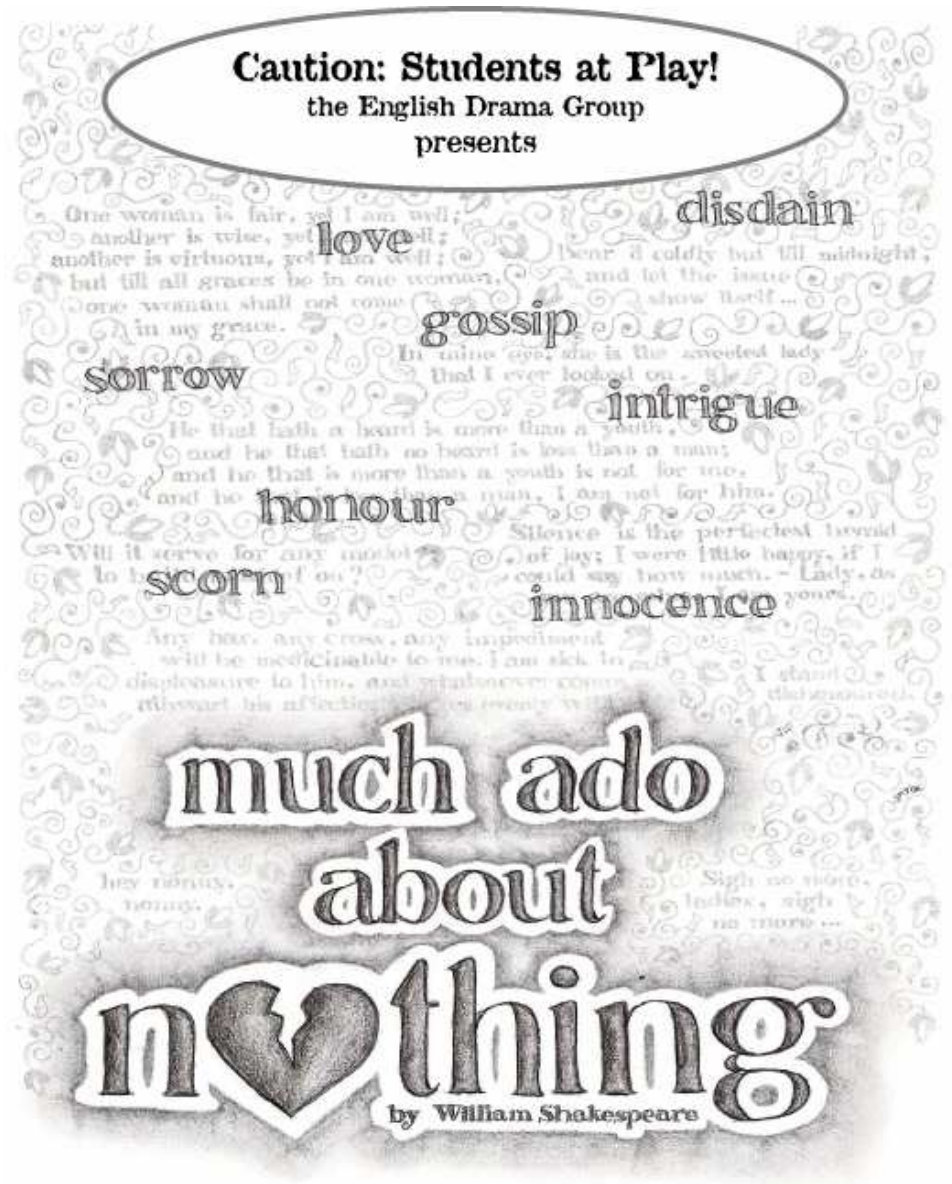
Staged by director Elke Nonn, including original score by Lukas Tillmann, Sigrid Maria Tancke and vocalist Lisa Gellenberg as well as lyrics by William Shakespeare himself, *Much Ado About Nothing* is an all-time favourite.

**The English Drama Group** presents ***Much Ado About Nothing***

| Directed by Elke Nonn | Director of Photography Sebastian Manns | Starring Ulrike Annecke, Immanuel Bartz, Sigrid Maria Tancke and Thomas Wahrlich | With Jessica Whiteley, Bernd Elzer, Victoria Bützler, Sebastian Schmitt and Sarah Schwarz | Co-Starring Manuel Anghel, Bozena Schmidt, Andreas Lang, Sariana Samarescu and Lisa Gellenberg | Also Starring Lukas Tillmann, Christoph Nonn, Verena Cavelius, Christiane Maria Bacher and Daniela Kunz

<b>PG-13</b> for alcohol, hinting at dirty balcony sex, stupid sentinels, deception, some language and rough kissing	ART: 121 Mins.	Color, 4:3
	English, Stereo	No Subtitles

Much Ado About Nothing – The Official DVD



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