

MAJOR EVENTS

WHAT YOU WILL SEE ON STAGE

1. Viola survives the wreck of her ship and finds herself in Illyria with nothing but her brother Sebastian's suitcase. Alone and believing her brother to be dead, Viola finds Duke Orsino and disguises herself as a young man, calling herself Cesario, to go work for him.

2. Meanwhile, in Olivia's court, Sir Toby Belch wants his niece Olivia to marry Sir Andrew Aguecheek. Olivia plans to mourn her recently deceased brother for seven years and does not plan to wed, even with such fine suitors as Orsino.

3. Viola goes to work for Orsino as a page but soon falls in love with him. Orsino, who is in love with Olivia, sends Viola to woo his love. Instead of falling for the Duke, Olivia sets her sights on the disguised Viola.

4. Sebastian was said to have drowned in the shipwreck, but he survived and arrives in Illyria. Sebastian goes to see Orsino, though his companion Antonio is scared to go, for he is an enemy to Orsino and will be arrested upon his arrival.

5. Viola finds out that Olivia loves her and does not know how to react. Maria, Toby, and Feste have all endured abuse from Malvolio, Olivia's servant, so they decide to forge a love note from Olivia as a way to torment Malvolio.

6. After reading the letter he believes to be from Olivia, Malvolio transforms himself according to the outlandish qualities described in the letter. Meanwhile, Toby and Andrew discover Olivia's love for Cesario.

7. Malvolio declares his love for Olivia, but appears crazy. Andrew is egged on by Toby to fight Cesario to win Olivia's love. He is stopped by Antonio who mistakes the cross-dressing Viola for her twin brother.

8. Olivia declares her love for Cesario to Sebastian and, despite the identity confusion, Olivia and Sebastian decide to wed. Malvolio discovers Olivia never loved him, while Maria and Toby reveal they have also married. After Viola reveals her true identity, Orsino professes his love for her and proposes.