

TYPES OF COMEDY

Which are in *Midsummer Night's Dream*?

Romantic Comedy

- One of the most popular forms.
- Two Young lovers.
- Meant for each other
- Kept apart by something/someone.
- Comedy = Quest to get together.
- They do get together.

Satire

- Deals with Human Vice/Folly
- Characters have tend to be corrupt.
- Trace the rise of central character.
- Makes a comment on state of world/society by exposing hypocrisy.

Comedy of Manners

- Makes fun of the “elite” and their manners.
- Sophisticated – Comedy of Words.
- Form of High Comedy
- Opposite of Slapstick – Little physical Action.

Farce

- Zany, Slapstick humor
- Think Three Stooges
- Involves disguise and mistaken identity.
- Very physical...Few Words

High Comedy

- Sophisticated and Witty.
- Often makes fun of high class society.

Low Comedy

- Horseplay
- Slapstick
- Farce.