Young love doesn’t always end in tragedy

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Levi Hood, left, as Valentine, and Kyle Woods as Proteus are the “Two Gentlemen of Verona.” (Photo by Ben Carver)

Cross-dressing, music, outlaws, broken hearts and a scene-stealing dog make “The Two Gentlemen of Verona” one of Shakespeare’s most delightful comedies. The New Orleans Shakespeare Festival at Tulane University will present a contemporary version of the production on June 18 - July 2 under the direction of Jessica Podewell.

The cast features Levi Hood and Kyle Woods as the title characters. Devyn Tyler, whose credits include roles in “Twelve Years a Slave” and the WGN series Underground, stars as Julia.

Evening performances in the Lupin Theater are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on June 18, 23, 24, 25, 30, July 1, and July 2. Matinees will begin at 1:30 p.m. on June 19, 26, and July 2.

General admission tickets are $30. Discounts are available for students, seniors, and Tulane employees. The show runs approximately two hours and includes one 15-minute intermission.

More details can be found at www.neworleansshakespeare.org.