Ancient gem plays out in Durban

SHAKUNTALA - a classic sanskrit drama - takes place at the Courtyard Theatre, Durban University of Technology, from May 20 until May 25.

Acknowledged as being an "ancient gem", Shakuntala tells the story of a king (Dushyanta) who falls in love with a girl of humble origins, the beautiful Shakuntula: a golden lotus. His plans are

Simemezelo Xulu plays the role of King Dushyanta while Zanele Mkhize plays Shakuntala.

thwarted when an ill-tempered hermit curses Shakuntula for neglecting him.

The curse results in the king forgetting who she is, but fate has a way of righting all wrongs and intervenes. True love is destined to win the day.

This production features

DUT undergraduate drama students and is directed by Robin Singh, with costumes by Robin Singh and Vasugi Singh who is a trained classical Indian dancer.

Shows start at 7pm. For further information contact Lebohang Sibisi on 031 3732194.