



Shakespeare at Stratford Text and Theatre

Shakespeare Centre
Stratford-upon-Avon, UK
June 28 – July 5, 2009
\$1750 (estimated)

Plans are currently underway for the 14th annual week-long study program at the Shakespeare Centre in Stratford-Upon-Avon. The course includes attendance at several Shakespearean plays by the Royal Shakespeare Theatre augmented by pre-performance lectures and post-performance discussions presented by resident experts. (Past speakers have included: Professor Miriam Gilbert, from the University of Iowa and author of *Shakespeare in Performance at Stratford: The Merchant of Venice*, and Dr. Robert Smallwood, past director of the Shakespeare Centre in Stratford.) Our study of text and performance will be further enhanced by leading RSC actors who will appear in the class as guest speakers and talk about their roles in the plays we see.

This Year's Program

An exciting feature of this year's program will be that all the RST productions will be held in [the Courtyard Theatre](#), the prototype for the [new Main House](#) currently under construction. This season, the last prior to the re-opening of the main house, is being done in repertory. The schedule includes one show directed by the RSC Associate Director, David Parr, and one directed by the RSC Artistic Director, Michael Boyd. The latter, *As You Like It*, is scheduled for two viewings so that we can see the show again after we have had a chance to discuss it with each other and the lecturer. We will also be able to see one of only five performances of a new initiative in Stratford, the Young People's Shakespeare, run by a company called "Told by an Idiot."

Another exciting feature of the program will be that accommodations will be in the Tudor wattle and daub hotel, The White Swan. This hotel is right at the center of town, barely two minutes' walk from the Shakespeare Centre in Henley Street, where the academic portions of the program will occur.

Schedule of Plays

Monday 29 June	7.30 pm	The Winter's Tale
Wednesday 1 July	7.30 pm	As You Like It
Thursday 2 July	1.30 pm	The Comedy of Errors
<i>Note: as this is not an RSC production, the support lectures may not be available.)</i>		
Saturday 4 July	1.30 pm	As You Like It
Saturday 4 July	7.30 pm	Julius Caesar



Further information about the program, including payment information & schedule can be found at:

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