



OU Shakespeare Society Day School
Saturday 15 May 2010

**Gender Representation in the Late Plays and Tragedies
From Page to Stage: a Practical Exploration of the Magic in
*Macbeth***



With Dr Catherine Alexander & Robert Ball

Join us for a day of exploring both the academic and theatrical sides of Shakespeare and his works. During the morning Dr Catherine Alexander will be discussing gender representation in the late plays including *Cymbeline*. The second session in the morning will focus on the tragedies specifically *Lear*, *Hamlet* and *Antony and Cleopatra*. Dr Alexander is a Fellow and lecturer at The Shakespeare Institute and the author of several publications focusing on different aspects of Shakespeare. The two afternoon sessions will include discussion on how to use the text to find inspiration for staging all aspects of a play. The session will also look at how directors and designers approach a production, the decisions they must make and the choices they face. Come prepared to be creative! Robert Ball is both an actor and director with over 15 years experience. You are also welcome to join us for the OUSS' annual general meeting. You will need to bring a copy of *Cymbeline* and *Macbeth* with you and may wish to bring other texts too.

The day will be organised as follows:

9:30	Coffee	12:00	Lunch
10:00	Welcome & Introductions	13:00	AGM
10:15	Gender Representation in the Late Plays	14:00	Directing & Acting Workshop
11:00	Coffee	14:45	Coffee
11:15	Gender Representation in the Tragedies	15:00	Directing & Acting Workshop
		15:45	Conclusion

Venue: United Reform Church Hall, Rother Street, Stratford-Upon Avon, CV37 6EU

Cost Including refreshments:
Society Members: £13.00 Non-Society Members: £16.00

Please send your cheques (made payable to OUSS) with the slip below to:
Cherie Gallin, 59 Arthur Moody Drive, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5JR.

For further information please call Cherie Gallin on 07817 771607.

Please book me a place on the OUSS Day School on Saturday 15 May 2010.

Name _____ Phone No _____

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I will/will not be attending the AGM*
I enclose a cheque for £13.00/£16.00* and a SAE for acknowledgement.
* Please delete as appropriate.

Please note that *Antony and Cleopatra* will be showing at 7.15 on Friday 14 May and *Romeo and Juliet* will be showing on at 7.15 on Saturday 15 May 2009 at The Courtyard Theatre. Ticket Hotline: 0844 800 1110 or book online at www.rsc.co.uk.



The Church Hall can be accessed on Rother Street and there is a 'Pay & Display' car park next door. It is about half a mile from the station and there is a taxi rank on the station forecourt. At lunch-time, if you wish to bring your own food, you can eat your lunch in the hall. There are numerous cafes, shops and restaurants not too far away.

A quiet place to stay convenient for the theatre and the Church Hall is Broad Walk just off Evesham Place where there is a choice of about eight guest houses. I have stayed at a couple of places and I can recommend Parkfield Tel: 01789 293313 which has a car park behind the property. The cost is roughly £30 per night. The Payton Hotel Tel: 01789 266442 on John Street at the other side of town is also convenient for the theatre and is a lovely Georgian house but there is no private parking. The prices here are about £35. The most convenient hotel for the theatre is the Arden Thistle on Waterside Tel: 0870 333 90246 but it is very pricey. The TIC at Bridgefoot Tel: 01789 295262 has a good accommodation guide and they also book rooms for people.

If you have access to the Internet a large number of hotels and guest houses in Stratford are on Smooth Hound's UK Hotel site at www.smoothhound.co.uk/stratfor.html. Another site I use a lot is www.tripadvisor.com because they have customer reviews that can be very useful, especially on places you should avoid. Good places to eat abound in Stratford and one I have visited several times and have always enjoyed the food is Edward Moon on Chapel Street, telephone - check out the menu on their website www.moonsrestaurants.com. Another I would highly recommend is Sorrento on Ely Street which serves a very good pre-theatre meal between 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm at £12.90 for two courses. It is a family-run restaurant and the atmosphere is very friendly. A good and comprehensive website giving details of accommodation, restaurants and lots of other relevant information can be found at www.stratford-upon-avon.co.uk/ I hope this information will be of use to members visiting Stratford for the first time.