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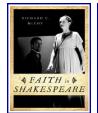
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#### - **RICHARD McCOY+** Wednesday, February 26

How did Shakespeare respond to the ecclesiastical disputes that affected every aspect of society during a period when it could be fatal to behave in a manner that was religiously or politically suspect? This is

the kind of question that **RICHARD MCCOY** has pondered in volumes such as *Alterations of State: Sacred Kingship in the English Reformation* and *Faith in Shakespeare*. Professor McCoy teaches English at Queens College and at CUNY's Graduate Center, and he's served as consultant or guest speaker for Classic Stage Company, the Public Theater, Britain's Royal Shakespeare Company, Canada's Stratford Shakespeare Company, and Brooklyn's Theatre



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for a New Audience. His many honors include awards from the Folger Shakespeare Library and the Guggenheim Foundation. After his conversation with John Andrews, he'll be happy to discuss his latest book, and order forms will be available for discounted copies.

## SARAH LYALL + Monday, March 10

As a young New York Times reporter in the mid-1990s, SARAH LYALL married Robert McCrum (co-author of The Story of English, the book version of a popular PBS series narrated by Robert MacNeil) and

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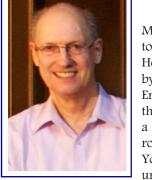


moved to the United Kingdom, where she became famous for her dispatches about eccentrics who are obsessed with hedgehogs, commoners who extract their own teeth, and commuters who can't be bothered with deodorant even on the hottest days of summer. In 2008 Ms. Lyall gathered such observations into what she labeled "A Field Guide to the British." She's now back in Manhattan, and recent articles include "Lessons from Living in London," "The



Posh London Homes that Posh Londoners Covet," a review of the latest installment in *Bridget Jones's Diary*, and a profile of former politician David Miliband. Copies of *The Anglo Files* will be on hand for purchase, and Ms. Lyall will be delighted to inscribe them.

## STEPHEN H. GRANT + Sunday, April 13



Many people are astonished to learn that the world's largest repository of early Shakespeare editions is to be found, not in London or Stratford, but two blocks from the United States Capitol in Washington.

How this occurred is the subject of a fascinating new book by **STEPHEN H. GRANT**, who tells the story of Henry and Emily Jordan Folger, who married in 1885 and devoted the rest of their lives to *Collecting Shakespeare*. Henry was a close associate of John D. Rockefeller, and he eventually rose to the helm of the Standard Oil Company of New York. But the passion that most deeply obsessed a quiet, unassuming Brooklyn couple was not to become public



until April 23, 1932, when President Hoover presided over a Capitol Hill ceremony at which the Folger Shakespeare Library was presented to the American people. Copies of Mr. Grant's biography of the Folgers will be on hand for purchase and inscription.



# **Join the Guild, and Greet the Stars** Events in New York, London, and Elsewhere

If you attended *A SHAKESPEAREAN REVEL AT LINCOLN CENTER* in 2002, you relished actors John Cleese, Kitty Carlisle Hart, Dana Ivey, and Tony Randall, writer Adam Gopnik, and directors Bernard Gersten and Margot Harley in a tribute to KEVIN KLINE as that year's recipient of the *GIELGUD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE DRAMATIC ARTS.* It was a joyous gala,

but like its 2003 sequel with Lynn Redgrave as laureate and her brother Corin and her sister Vanessa as presenters at the NATIONAL ARTS CLUB, it was also substantive. In this respect it echoed a 1999 gala at Broadway's BARRYMORE



THEATRE, where Zoe Caldwell, who'd received a 1998 *GIELGUD* at the FOLGER SHAKE-SPEARE LIBRARY, led a cavalcade of notables – actors Keith Baxter, Brian Bedford, Hal Holbrook, Ronald Pickup, Christopher Plummer, and Toby Stephens, dramatist Sir David Hare, director Sir Richard Eyre, *Masterpiece Theatre* producer Rebecca Eaton, and host Robert MacNeil in a tribute to DAME UP DENCY. A few months later Dam



and host **Robert MacNeil** – in a tribute to **DAME JUDI DENCH**. A few months later **Dame Judi** and another *GIELGUD* honoree, **Sir Derek Jacobi**, helped preside over a 2000 presentation to actor, director, and filmmaker **KENNETH BRANAGH** in London's historic **MIDDLE TEMPLE HALL**. This Bardic *SALUTE to "THE MAN* 

OF THE MILLENNIUM" featured remarks by U.S. Ambassador Philip Lader, composer Patrick Doyle, and actors Samantha Bond, Richard Briers, Helena Bonham Carter, Richard Clifford, Ben Elton, Stephen Fry, Bob Hoskins, Geraldine McEwan, and Timothy Spall.

On April 19, 2004, in the London theatre that had been renamed for Sir John in 1994, shortly after the SHAKESPEARE GUILD unveiled a John Safer trophy to preserve the actor's legacy "with golden quill" (Sonnet 85), the GUILD collaborated with the ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY and the ROYAL ACADEMY OF DRAMATIC ART to celebrate the centenary of Sir John's birth. During a gala hosted by the BBC's Ned Sherrin, playwrights Alan Bennett and Sir David Hare, director Sir Peter Hall, and performers Dame Judi Dench, Clive Francis, Rosemary Harris, Martin Jarvis, Barbara Jefford, Barbara Leigh-Hunt, Sir Ian McKellen, Michael Pennington, Ian Richardson, Paul Scofield, and Sir Donald Sinden recalled their departed friend. On June 12, 2006, the GUILD returned to the NATIONAL ARTS CLUB for a salute to CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER, who was toasted by Julie Andrews, Zoe Caldwell, Clive Francis, NAC President Aldon James, Robert MacNeil, Audra McDonald, and Lynn Redgrave. A few months later, on May 21, 2007, the GUILD joined the ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION at Washington's BRITISH EMBASSY for a reception at which Sir David and Lady Manning, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, actors Helen Carey and Ted van Griethuysen, and others feted MICHAEL KAHN, artistic director of the SHAKESPEARE THEATRE COMPANY, for his service to the Nation's Capital. On March 10, 2008, Sir David's successor, Sir Nigel Sheinwald, joined actors F. Murray Abraham, Kate Fleetwood, Whoopi Goldberg, Joel Grey, and Daniel Stewart, pianist Emanuel Ax, director David Jones, and producer Robert Halmi Jr. at the NAC for a *GIELGUD* toast to PATRICK STEWART. On September 20, 2010, actors Tom Hulce and Jerry Stiller, producers Robert Brustein, Fred Kaufman, Brian Kulick, Renzo Martinelli, Julian Schlossberg, critic James Shapiro, and others at the NAC saluted F. MURRAY ABRAHAM.

In recent years, through events in locales such as the NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, the CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE THEATER, and the ALGONQUIN HOTEL, GUILD attendees have conversed with actors Jane Alexander, Simon Russell Beale, Richard Easton, Henry Goodman, Bill Irwin, Roger Rees, Prunella Scales, Liev Schreiber, Janet Suzman, Timothy West, and Michael York, directors Peter Brook and Robert Whitehead, media leaders Cokie Roberts, Susan Stamberg, and Linda Wertheimer, and writers Edward Albee, E. R. Braithwaite, Sir Harold Evans, Flora Fraser, Michael Frayn, Stephen Greenblatt, Anthony Hecht, John Lahr, Ken Ludwig, Judith Martin, Peter Shaffer, James Shapiro, Jesse Sheidlower, Deborah Tannen, and Garry Wills. GUILD constituents enjoy member privileges at all engagements. In addition, those who affiliate as SUBSCRIBERS receive 10% discounts on tickets for *GIELGUD* galas; CONTRIBUTORS enjoy 25% discounts, and DONORS 50%. BENEFACTORS receive 2 prime tickets free, PATRONS 4, SUSTAINERS 10, and SPONSORS 20. Every attendee or registrant at the Contributor level or above is recognized in the printed program. And any payments to the GUILD that are not offset by benefits claimed are fully tax-deductible.

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