



To Jola,  
Christopher Meyer &  
Catherine Meyer

PRESENTATION OF INSIGNIA

*of honours bestowed by*

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

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BRITISH EMBASSY, WASHINGTON

Monday, nineteenth of June, 2000

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COMMANDER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

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OFFICER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Dr John Frank Andrews





## **INVESTITURE: 19 JUNE 2000**

### **DR JOHN FRANK ANDREWS**

The award of an Honorary OBE to Dr John Frank Andrews is in recognition of his services to the study and understanding of the works of Shakespeare.

Dr Andrews is a Shakespearean scholar of international repute. He has also been responsible for making the works of Shakespeare widely accessible. He established the education programme at the Folger Shakespeare Library, introducing

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Shakespeare's work to schools and the public around Washington DC.

Dr Andrews also founded the Shakespeare Guild, an independent organisation to promote public understanding of and appreciation for the works of Shakespeare. He is editing a new Everyman edition of Shakespeare. And, with the late Sir John Gielgud he established the Gielgud Award for outstanding contributions to the interpretation of Shakespeare. It has already become acknowledged as one of the premier awards of the theatrical world.



Through his writings, the Shakespeare Guild and the Gielgud Award Dr Andrews has generated a profound appreciation in the US of the best of Britain's theatrical creativity.

I am commanded by Her Majesty, in accordance with the powers vested in me as Her Ambassador, to confer on Dr John Frank Andrews the insignia of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.







Above left, honorees **John Andrews** and **James McInerney** chat with **Her Majesty's Ambassador, Sir Christopher Meyer**, who is pictured at left with his wife **Catherine**. General McInerney helpfully explains to Dr. Andrews that **OBE**, which is usually taken to mean "Officer of the British Empire," is actually a way of claiming credit for "Other Buggers' Efforts." To which Sir Christopher adds that his own title, **KCMG** (an abbreviation for "Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George"), is best understood as a reminder to "Kindly Call Me God." Above right, artist **Jan Denton** and **Sir Christopher** join her husband, who has donned his newly-bestowed medal.



At left Ms. Denton and Dr. Andrews gather on the steps of the **British Embassy** with their friends designer **Helen Hecht** and poet **Anthony Hecht**. A short time later (above) they gather in the Embassy's beautiful garden with other guests who took part in a memorable occasion. Depicted here are communications executive **Walda Roseman**, arts promoter **Jan Du Plain**, Embassy and British Council official **David Blagbrough** and his wife **Jenny**, former First Lady of the Folger **Marifrances Hardison**, whose late husband O. B. Hardison presided over the Capitol Hill library as Director from 1968 to 1983, **Sir Christopher Meyer**, **John Andrews**, **Jan Denton**, filmmaker and author **Mark Olshaker** and his wife **Carolyn**, and **Janis and Andrew Oehmann**.



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**Elizabeth the Second**, *by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith and Sovereign of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire to Dr. John Frank Andrews*

*Greeting*

**Whereas** *We have thought fit to nominate and appoint you to be an Honorary Officer of the Civil Division of Our said Most Excellent Order of the British Empire*

**We do** *by these presents grant unto you the Dignity of an Honorary Officer of Our said Order and hereby authorise you to have hold and enjoy the said Dignity and Rank of an Honorary Officer of Our aforesaid Order together with all and singular the privileges thereunto belonging or appertaining.*

**Given** *at Our Court at Saint James's under Our Sign Manual and the Seal of Our said Order this Sixth day of April 2000 in the Forty-ninth year of Our Reign.*

*By the Sovereign's Command.*

*Philip*  
*Grand Master.*

*Grant of the Dignity of an Honorary Officer of the Civil Division  
of the Order of the British Empire  
to Dr. John Frank Andrews*

Copy of the sealed order, dated and signed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and executed on April 6, 2000, by Grand Master Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and later framed with the OBE decoration inserted next to the proclamation.