

IAN McKELLEN  
ACTING SHAKESPEARE



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#### IAN McKELLEN

Ian McKellen won this year's Tony Award for his performance of Salieri in *Amadeus*. He first acted in New York in the Russian play *The Promise* in 1967. He was established as a leading classical actor two years later, when his *Richard II* and *Edward II* stormed the Edinburgh Festival, toured Britain and Europe, sold out two seasons in London and were televised. In 1971 his *Hamlet* followed similar progress. He was a founder-member of, and a Drama Desk Award winner with, the Actors' Company which played the Brooklyn Academy of Music in 1974. He then joined the Royal Shakespeare Company and, for the next four seasons at Stratford-upon-Avon and London's Aldwych Theatre, played Romeo, Macbeth, Toby Belch and Leontes and also starred in plays by Brecht, Chekov, Ibsen, Mariowé, Jonson, Shaw, Stoppard and Wedekind. His last appearance in London was in the world premiere of *Bent*, which won him his third consecutive Best Actor of the Year Award. Mr. McKellen works regularly on British television and has been seen in the United States as Edward II, Macbeth and Tesman in *Hedda Gabler*. His latest film is *Priest of Love*, in which he stars as D.H. Lawrence.

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### PART I

Jacques - As You Like It  
King Henry V

Polonius, Hamlet, First Player - Hamlet  
Bully Bottom - A Midsummer Night's Dream  
Chorus - Henry V

Duke of Gloucester - Henry VI Part 3  
Prince Hal, Sir John Falstaff - Henry V Part 1  
Mrs. Quickly - Henry V

Sonnet XX  
Romeo and Juliet

### PART II

Samuel Pepys  
David Garrick  
Bernard Shaw  
Macbeth  
Prospero - The Tempest

Directed by  
KIRK BROWNING

Set Design by  
RONALD BALDWIN

Costumes by  
JANE GREENWOOD

Produced by  
ANDREW SUSSKIND

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Conceived by Ian McKellen  
Original Production Staged by Sean Mathias