

Fall Semester
October 9 - November 13

Wednesdays
2:00-3:30 pm

OLLI AT VANDERBILT
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute



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October 9, 2024

[A Midsummer Night's Dream](#)

Ian Richardson, Judi Dench, Ian Holm, Diana Rigg,
Helen Mirren, Directed by Peter Hall



"But we are spirits of another sort.

*I with the Morning's love have oft made sport And, like a
forester, the groves may tread Even till the eastern gate, all
fiery red, Opening on Neptune, with fair blessed beams Turns
into yellow gold his salt green streams.*

But notwithstanding, haste; make no delay.

We may effect this business yet ere day."

-Oberon, Act III, Sc. II

A Midsummer Night's Dream



October 16, 2024

[Sir Thomas More](#)

"Sir Thomas More" Scene 6, from "Ian McKellan on Stage"
(2020) National Theatre at Home, Directed by Sean Mathias

*"Would you be pleased To find a nation of such barbarous temper That, breaking out in hideous violence,
Would not afford you an abode on earth, Whet their detested knives against your throats, Spurn you like dogs,
and like as if that God Owed not nor made not you, nor that the elements Were not all appropriate to your
comforts But chartered unto them? What would you think To be thus used? This is the strangers' case, And
this your mountainish inhumanity."*

-Sir Thomas Moore, Sc. VI



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October 23, 2024

King Lear (Part I)

“King Lear” directed by Peter Brook (1971)
Paul Scofield, Alan Webb, Jack MacGowan,
Irene Worth, Patrick Magee, Robert Langdon Lloyd, Anne-Lise Gabold



“King Lear” from National Theatre Live (2018)
Ian McKellan, Claire Price, Sinead Cusack, Anita-Joy Uwajeh,
Danny Ewbb, Kirsty Bushell, Lloyd Hutchison
Directed by Jonathan Munby and Ross Mac Gibbon



October 30, 2024

King Lear (Part 2)

*“Come, let's away to prison.
We two alone will sing like
birds i' th' cage.
When thou dost ask me
blessing, I'll kneel down And
ask of thee forgiveness.”*
-King Lear, Act V, Sc. III





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November 6, 2024

Macbeth

“Macbeth” Directed by Trevor Nunn (1979)
Ian McKellan, Judi Dench, John Woodvine



*“Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood
Clean from my hand? No, this my hand will
ratherThe multitudinous seas incarnadine,
Making the green one red.”*
-Macbeth, Act II, Sc, II

November 13, 2024

Pericles

Theatre For A New Audience (TFANA)
Directed by Trevor Nunn

BY SPECIAL PERMISSION: from “Theatre For a New Audience,” Brooklyn, NY, excerpts from this exceptional archived film of “Pericles” has been released for the first time for a one time educational viewing in the Vanderbilt OLLI Reading Shakespeare with Film 3 Fall 2024 Class.

We are extremely grateful to TFANA and Trevor Nunn for allowing this class this extraordinary opportunity to read and watch this great play, “Pericles”.

This class will not be recorded.



*“This, this! No more, you gods! your
present kindness Makes my past
miserias sports. You shall do well
That on the touching of her lips I
may Melt and no more be seen. O,
come, be buried A second time
within these arms!”*
-Pericles, Act V, Sc. III

Recommended



Resources

The RSC Shakespeare:

The Complete Works, Edited by Jonathan Bate and Eric Rasmussen

Arden Shakespeare: Sir Thomas More

Edited by Jon Jowett

RSC: A Midsummer Night's Dream:

Edited by Jonathan Bate and Eric Rasmussen

RSC: King Lear:

Edited by Jonathan Bate and Eric Rasmussen

RSC: Macbeth:

Edited by Jonathan Bate and Eric Rasmussen

RSC: Pericles:

Edited by Jonathan Bate and Eric Rasmussen

Other Recommended Resources:

Shakespeare After All by Marjorie Garber

This is Shakespeare by Emma Smith

1606: Shakespeare and the Year of Lear by James Shapiro

Shakespeare & Co by Stanley Wells

Shakespeare and Ovid by Jonathan Bate

Shakespeare: The Man Who Pays the Rent by Judi Dench

Shakespeare and the Nature of Man by Theodore Spencer

Shakespeare: The Invention of the Human by Harold Bloom

