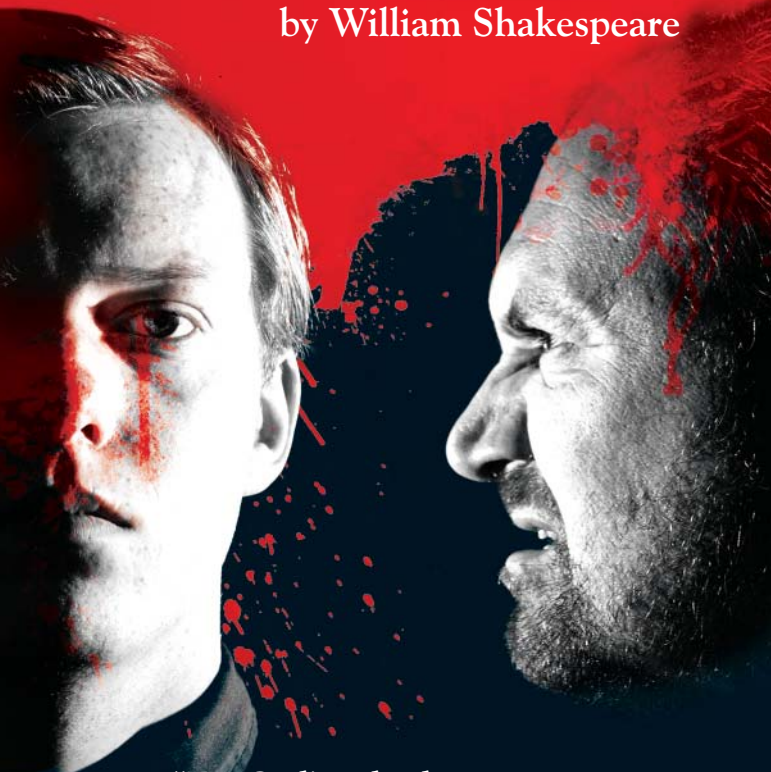


KING RICHARD II

by William Shakespeare



*“For God’s sake, let us sit upon
the ground, and tell sad stories
of the death of kings.”*

a University of Adelaide Theatre Guild production

Directed by HARRY DEWAR
Designed by PETER BOK

LITTLE THEATRE

8, 11-15 & 18-22 August 2009 at 7.30pm

\$25/20 on 8303 5999, BASS 131 246 or
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The Play

Shakespeare’s *Richard II* is the first in a series about the nature of kingship that includes *Henry IV (Parts I and II)*, and *Henry V*.

In the medieval understanding, there is an intimate connection between Ruler and Realm. The “king’s body” is both personal and political, and to make war on the King is to make war on the Country. But what if the King is selfish and inept and his actions are harmful to the Country? How then should the loyal patriot behave? Can he justify overthrowing the rightful King? And if the King is subdued and forced to rule for the good of others, in what sense is he still the King?

The struggle at the heart of *Richard II* - between Richard II and his cousin Henry Bolingbroke (the future Henry IV) - is more than an armed conflict. It is a fundamental clash between the right of the king to rule and the right of the kingdom to be ruled well.

The play is also about the moving journey the self-centred Richard makes towards self-knowledge, as his political fall opens the door to personal wisdom.

The Cast

With Graham Self as Richard, Russell Slater as Bolingbroke, and Mollie Birch, Eleanor Boyd, Geoff Brougham, Anita Canala, Brett Carruthers, Joshua Coldwell, Geoff Dawes, John Dexter, Georgia Dodd, Matthew Dowdall, John Edge, Rowena Garcia, Marieka Hambleton, Peter Kentish, Keith Manson, David Mitchell, Blake Parham, Bronwyn Ruciak and Anna Taylor.

Tickets - \$25 Full Price and \$20 Concession

Phone bookings: Theatre Guild on 8303 5999.

Phone credit card bookings available (fee applies).

Online bookings: www.adelaide.edu.au/theatreguild

Bookings also through BASS on 131 246 (fee applies).

Tickets at the door, subject to availability (cash only).

Group bookings 8303 5999, for 10 people or more.

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After-hours ticket parking is available in the University grounds.



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