

# Shakespeare

The World is His Stage



2000 Millennium Stamp of Ireland on  
Maxi Card

William Shakespeare was one of the greatest men in all of literature.

As an actor, director, dramatist, and poet, he has influenced the theatrical, musical, and literary arts for over 400 years.

Many countries have had occasion to honor his contributions to society with stamps, postcards, postmarks postal cancels, festivals, and productions.

Beginning with his modest birth in Stratford-Upon-Avon, this project looks at Shakespeare's village, family, friends, characters, plays, festivals, history and legacy through philately

*All the world's a stage.*

"As You Like It"  
Act 2, Scene 7

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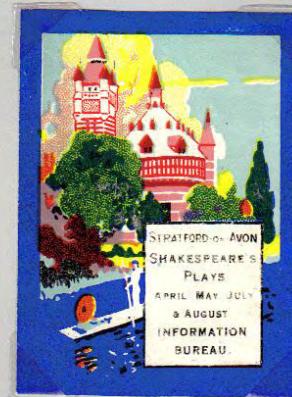
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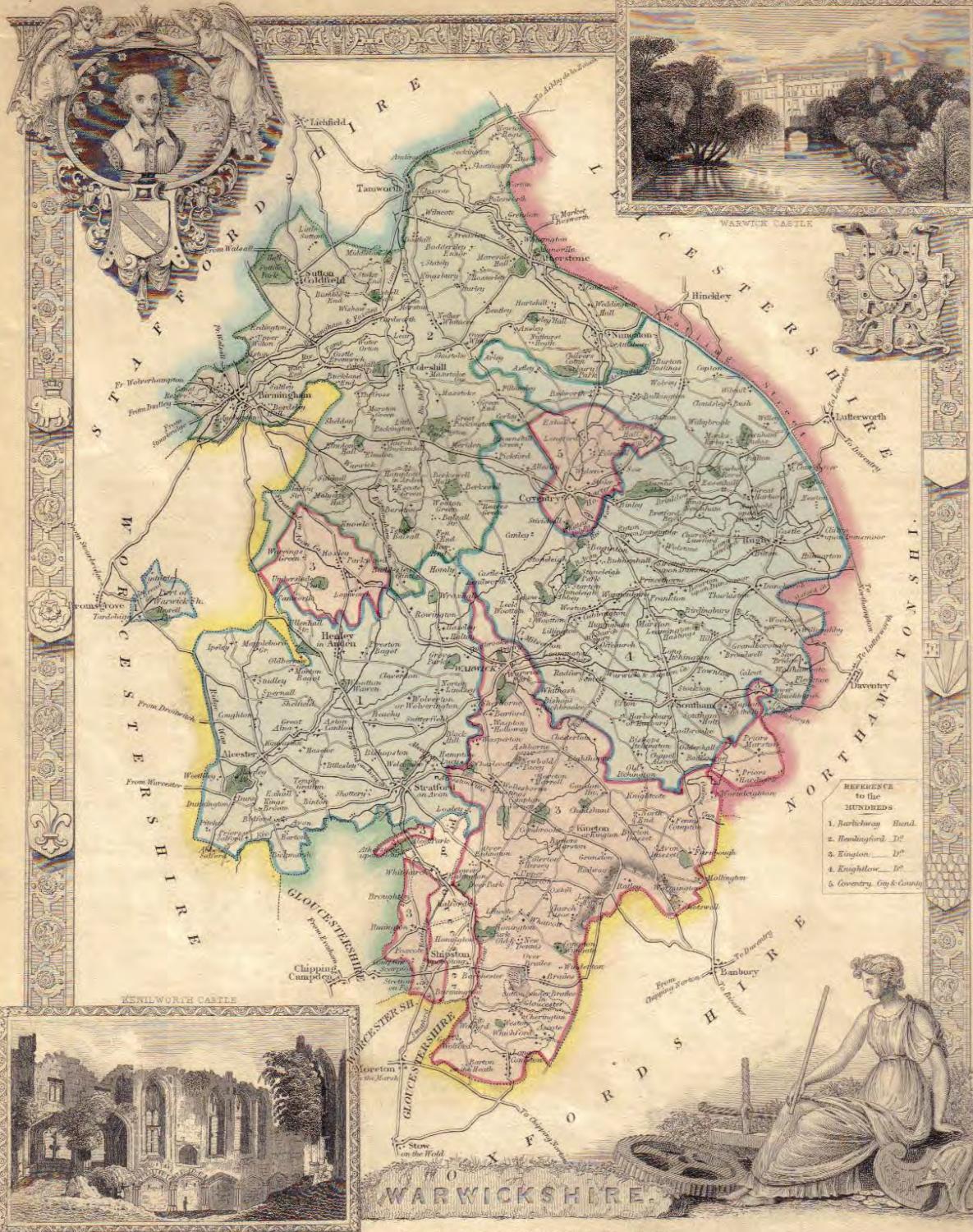
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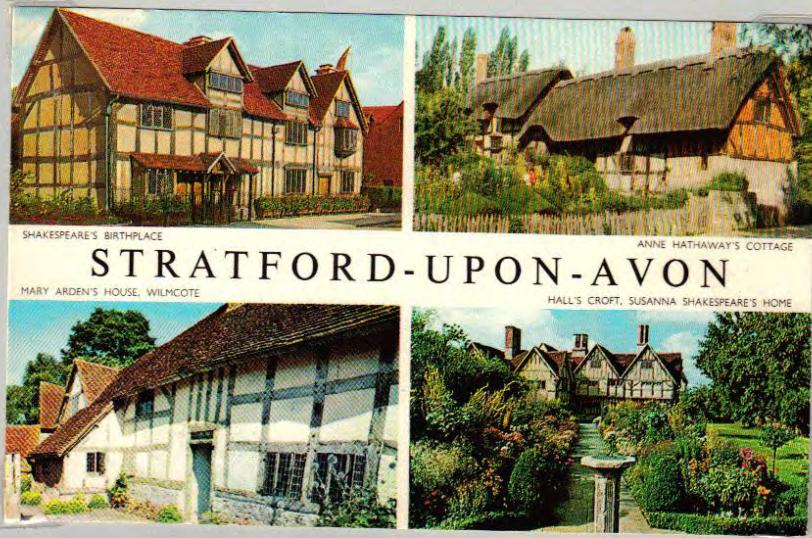
# Shakespeare's Homeland

## Stratford-Upon-Avon

Shakespeare was born on April 23, 1564 in Stratford-upon-Avon and died April 23, 1616 in Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, England

His home and his wife's cottage are favorite places to visit in Stratford

Shakespeare's early country life in Stratford-on-Avon is often depicted in his works which include gardens, forests, castles, fairy tales, and common laborers.



STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

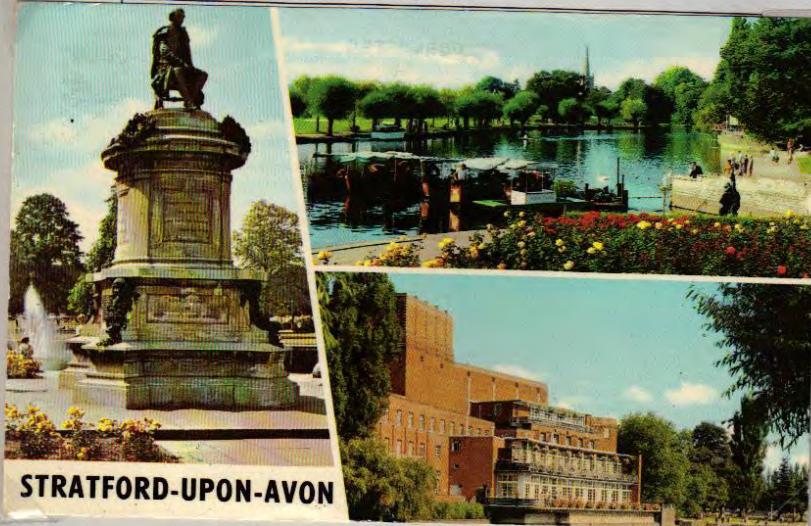
MARY ARDEN'S HOUSE, WILMCOTE

HALL'S CROFT, SUSANNA SHAKESPEARE'S HOME



Postcard pictorial views  
of  
old and new Stratford, England

Postmarked  
Stratford-Upon-Avon



STRATFORD-UPON-AVON



# Homeland

## Birthday

William Shakespeare was born in 1564 in the Year of the Rat. In China, the Rat is respected and considered a courageous, enterprising person. Rats are blessed with great intellect. Add to their intelligence a curiosity and a bright imagination, and they seem as sharp as a needle. Rats make excellent: *Writers, Broadcasters, Actors, Advisors, Counselors, Lawyers, Politicians, Designers, Engineers, Managers, Directors, Administrators, Entrepreneurs, Musicians, Stand-up Comedians, Researchers, Historians, Race Car Drivers*



The Chinese Lunar Calendar's 12-year cycle has been deemed the oldest surviving calendar system in the world. And on January 8, 2008, Canada Post issued a stamp and souvenir sheet celebrating The Year of the Rat, the final year of a 12-year series.

*To be or not to be; that is the question.*

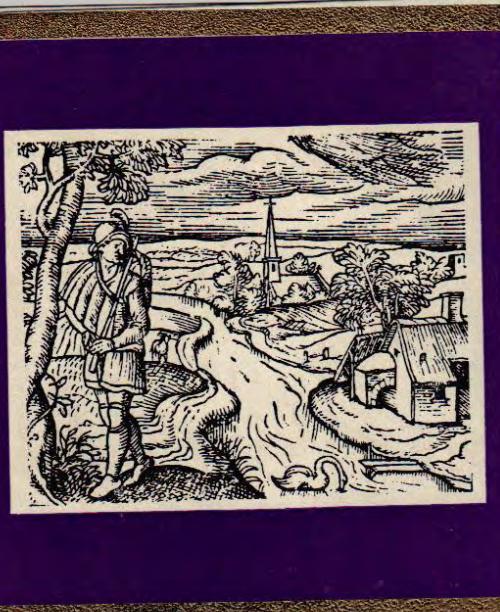
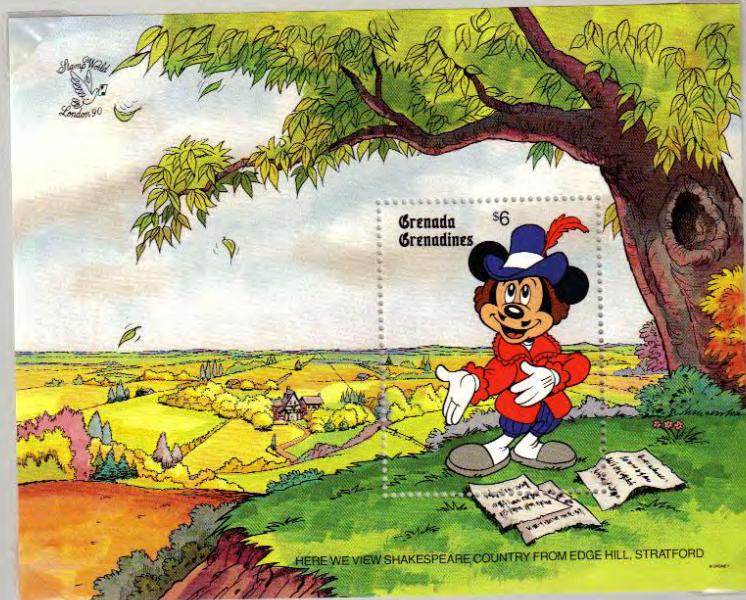
*Hamlet Act 3, Scene 1*

# Homeland

## Town and Country

William Shakespeare returned to his beloved Stratford after he retired. The shires of Alcester, Cotswolds, Coventry, and Warwick are commonly referred to as "Shakespeare Country"

Here are two views from Edge Hill on Souvenir Sheet and Cachet



### william shakespeare's countryside

stratford-upon-avon, england  
special souvenir cover

no. 6 of a series of 8 limited to 1000 copies

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-avon, englan

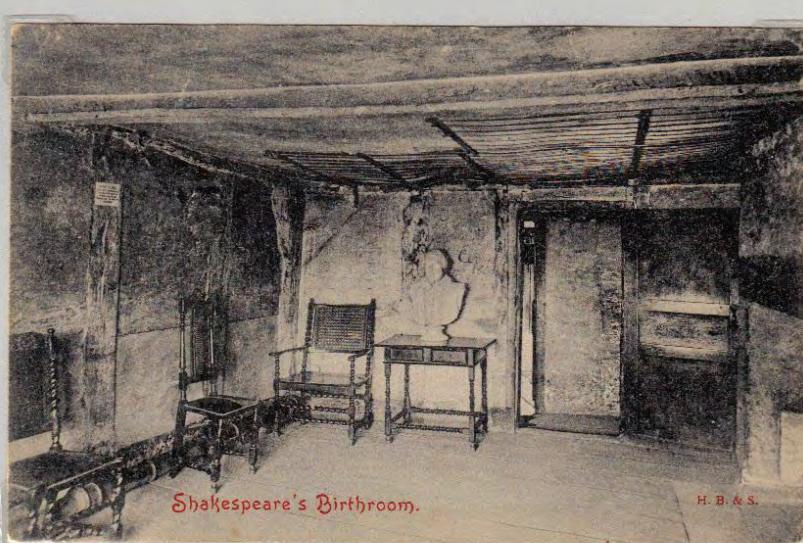
# Homeland

# Birthplace

Shakespeare's celebrity status was recognized very early. His plays were popular during his lifetime and efforts to preserve his personal effects and his writings were begun shortly after his death.



1930 letter card sent from Stratford, England to US showing Shakespeare's Birthplace on Henley Street.



"The first stage is the mewling child"

As You Like It  
Act 2; Scene 7

1905 postcard sent from Stratford on Avon to Derby, Great Britain depicting Shakespeare's birth room.

# Homeland

# Gardens

"Was Shakespeare an Herbalist?" asked Tom Wilson of Stamp Collector magazine February 5, 1996. Flowers and plants played an important tool of imagery throughout Shakespeare's literary masterpieces. English gardens are well known throughout the world and often called "Shakespeare Gardens". Hundreds of visitors come to Stratford-Upon-Avon each year to visit the gardens and attend the Garrick Jubilee.



Warwick / Leamington Spa canceled letter

"Garden Town of Shakespeareland"

What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

Romeo & Juliet II: ii

When daffodils begin to peer,  
with heigh' the doxy,  
over the date, why, then  
comes the sweet o' the year.

Winters Tale IV: ii

...hail kissing comfits and  
snow eryngoes:

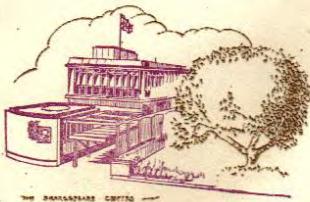


THE GARDEN, SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE, STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

# Shakespeare's Royalty

## Coat of Arms

The College of Arms in London keeps the records for all Coats of Arms. Shakespeare applied for a coat of arms for his father in 1596. A Coat of Arms gave his father respectability and the right to be called a gentlemen. The Shakespeare coat of arms is used on many philatelic items.



TO COMMEMORATE  
THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW  
"SHAKESPEARE SHOW CENTRE"  
BY  
H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH  
St. George's Day, 23rd April, 1964



Fancy First Day Cancel  
with Shakespeare Coat  
of Arms

Shakespeare's Coat of Arms was yellow and black as seen on this 1989 Sierra Leone SS



Shakespeare Coat of Arms pictured on 1984 Great Britain FDC for the 500th celebration of the College of Arms. Four colorful commemorative stamps displaying an array of Coats of Arms including Richard III, one of Shakespeare's plays.



Arms of William Shakespeare  
granted to his father in 1596

**The Houses of York and Lancaster**

Henry IV, Henry V, Henry VI, Edward IV and Richard III

Shakespeare often chose English royalty as subjects for his works and plays

**House of Tudor**

Henry VIII, Elizabeth I and Lady Jane Grey



Alexis -

Wish you  
were here!Love,  
Gay

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE  
Born 23rd April 1564 Died 23rd April 1616  
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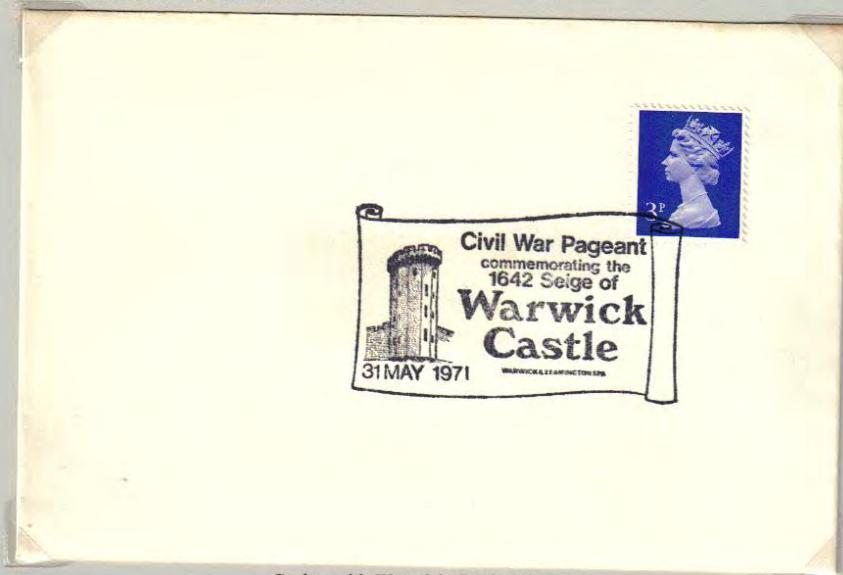
Royal Mail



# Royalty

# Castles

The county of Warwickshire is home to two ancient castles Warwick and Kenilworth. Warwick Castle is a medieval castle built by William the Conqueror in 1068. It was at one time owned by Richard III. Shakespeare would have been influenced in his historical writings by its history including the witches of Warwick that were to have haunted the castle.



Cachet with Warwick Castle postmark

Kenilworth Castle built in the 12th century by the Normans and was refurbished by Robert Dudley the Earl of Leicester who courted Queen Elizabeth I. Located in the town of Kenilworth in Warwickshire, England, Shakespeare was alive when the Queen came to visit on four different occasions. Henry V received the insulting gift of tennis balls from the French Dauphin at Kenilworth. (Henry V, Act 1, scene 2)



Kenilworth Castle: The Banqueting Hall and Mervyn's Tower.

Photo, J. J. Ward, Coventry.

Postcard picturing Kenilworth Castle postmarked "Warwick"

# Royalty

## Castles

Three other castles which exist today and the Tower of London in Great Britain are featured in Shakespeare's plays. Glamis Castle of Scotland was written as the home of Macbeth; Kronborg Castle in Elsinore, Denmark is the castle for Hamlet; and Windsor Castle is depicted in the play the Merry Wives of Windsor. Of course, the Tower of London is famous in the Henry plays as so many of his wives were imprisoned there. Richard III in Shakespeare's play exiled all the heirs of the kingdom to the Tower to die or be killed.



Souvenir Sheet  
Glamis Castle was the childhood home of Queen Elizabeth



Tower of London



Windsor Castle



Postcard made in Denmark picturing Kronborg Castle

# Shakespeare's Contemporaries



Under the reign of Queen Elizabeth and with her support, art and literature reached levels of brilliance like never before. Shakespeare was one of the best examples of this era, known only as the Elizabethan period. Shakespeare performed for Queen Elizabeth and it is thought that she even read a part in one of his productions at Stratford-on-Avon.

Great Britain Queen Elizabeth

Three contemporaries of Shakespeare, Francis Bacon, Edward de Vere, and Christopher Marlowe have been suggested as the true writers of Shakespeare's works. Although there has been much investigation and intellectual debate over this issue, there is little evidence to refute the testimony of Shakespeare's friend Ben Jonson and fellow actors of the time that Shakespeare was the true author.



Romanian Issue F. Bacon



O wonder!  
How  
many  
goodly  
creatures  
are there  
here!  
How  
beauteous  
mankind  
is! O  
brave new  
world

Scholars believe that Sir Walter Raleigh's and Sir Francis Drake's world travels inspired Shakespeare to tell tales about sailing the sea and visiting strange lands.

# Shakespeare's Contemporaries

Ben Jonson a celebrated writer in his own right was a close friend of Shakespeare. It prompted the speculation that they even played chess together as depicted in the Nicaragua stamp below.

Inigo Jones was a professional set and costume designer famous for his stage craft and colorful impressive costumes. Shakespeare used his services many times at the Globe and Covent Gardens.

Famous Spanish author of Don Quixote Miguel de Cervantes lived during the time of Shakespeare,. It is not known if they knew each other but they both died on April 23, 1616. Today April 23, is the International Book Day



Souvenir Sheet  
with Shakespeare  
quote, "The King  
is a beggar, now  
the play is done."  
*All's Well that  
Ends Well Act 5:  
iii*

3 P GB set of stamps featuring Oberon and Titania costumes and set at Convent Gar-  
dens honoring designer Inigo Jones.



FDC Europa  
1983



# Swan of the Avon

The town of Stratford-Upon-Avon is a small country village on the Avon River. Ben Johnson, a literary contemporary of Shakespeare, in one of his two commentaries on Shakespeare referred to him as the "Sweet Swan of Avon." Since that time the swans of the Avon River have often been used in memory of Shakespeare.

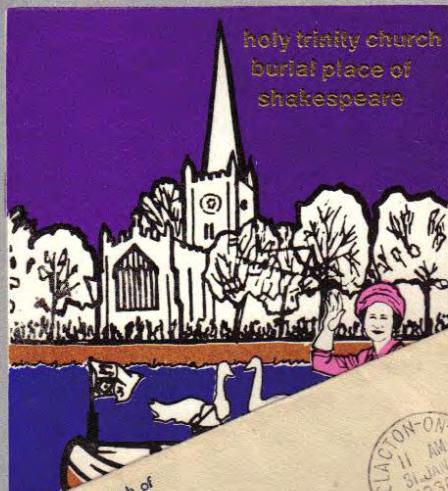


Postcard showing swans on the Avon . Cover celebrating 370th anniversary of Wm. Shakespeare "The Swan". Fancy swan cancel on 50th FDC cover



# Shakespeare's Death

Shakespeare died on his birthday April 23, 1616 in Stratford-upon-Avon. He was buried at the Holy Trinity Church declining the offer to be interred at Westminster Abby.



And so sepulchred in such pomp dost lie,  
That kings for such a tomb would wish to die.

John Milton Quote (1608 - 1674), "Epitaph"

## Mourning Cachets

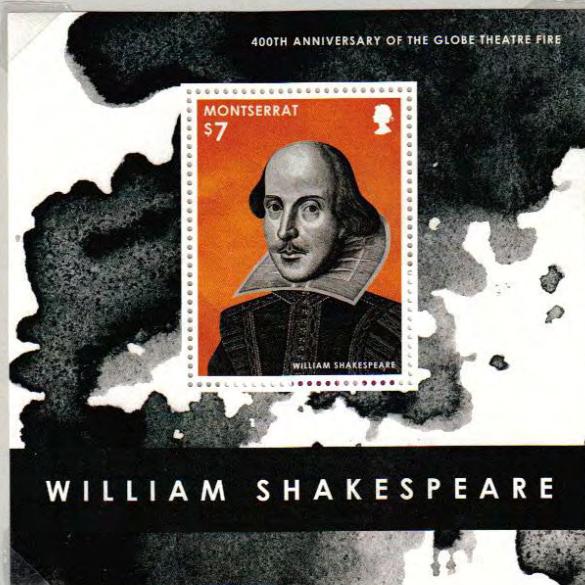
Linley Hobby Club Cachet with Monument over tomb in Trinity Church

Postal request to the Postmaster of Stratford-on-Avon

# Portraits of Shakespeare

Because no one really knows what Shakespeare looked like, only three official portraits are sanctioned by the Shakespeare Trustees and Guardians: The Droeshout, The Chandos, and The Monumental Effigy in the Church at Stratford upon Avon. They can be found on many stamps and postal philately.

## Droeshout Engraving



1964 US issue celebrating 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth uses the Droeshout engraving as a model for stamp

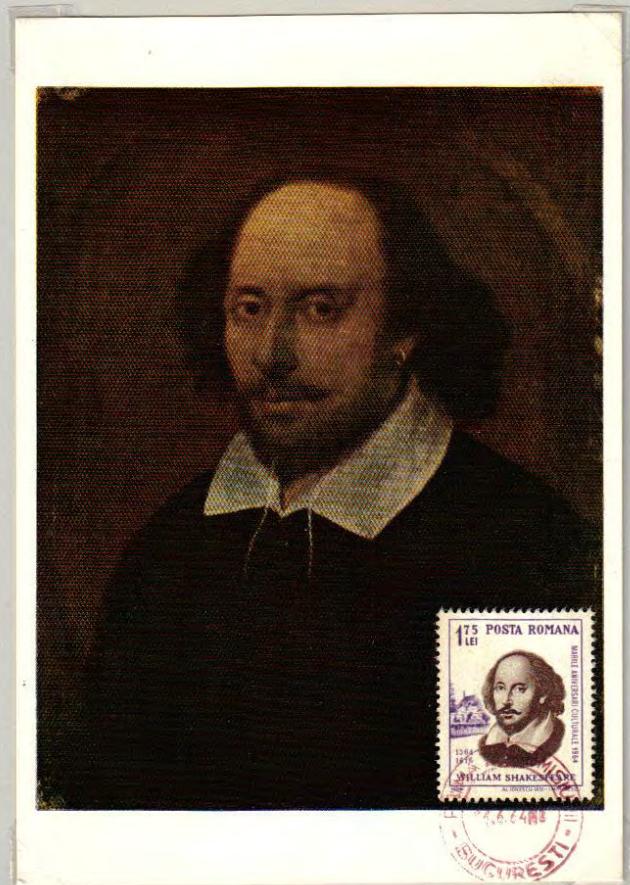


EDUARDO DE CASTRO MARTINEZ  
C/ ESTRELLA DE LAS NIEVES 7, 2º C  
18008-GRANADA  
SPAIN

Souvenir Sheet w/ Droeshout portrait of Shakespeare

*"Reader, look Not on his picture, but his book."*  
*-Ben Jonson (on the Droeshout Engraving)*

The **Chandos** portrait is one of the most famous of the portraits of Shakespeare. This portrait was selected as the very first painting purchased by the National Portrait Gallery in London in 1856. Painted from life between 1600 and 1610, it may have served as the basis for the engraved portrait of Shakespeare used in the *First Folio* in 1623. The painting is named after James Brydges, 3rd Duke of Chandos, an early owner.



Large Postcard National Portrait Gallery, London,  
cancelled with Romanian issue Bucuresti 1964



1964 Panama issue using the Chandos  
painting on stamp



2004 GB issue with vignette image of  
Shakespeare from the National Gallery  
of London



2000 Millennium Sierra Leone

The memorial bust of Shakespeare was erected in the Stratford Parish Church between 1616-1623. It is considered to be the most creditable image of William Shakespeare.



Drawn by J. Thornton.

Engraved by W. H. Weston.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

*From the Monumental Effigy in the  
Church at Stratford upon Avon.*

E. E. WHITNEY,

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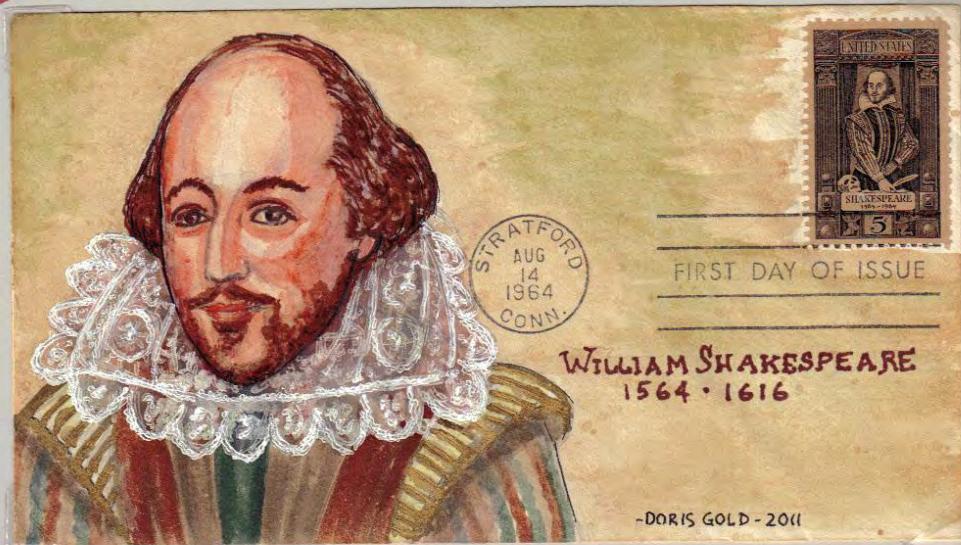
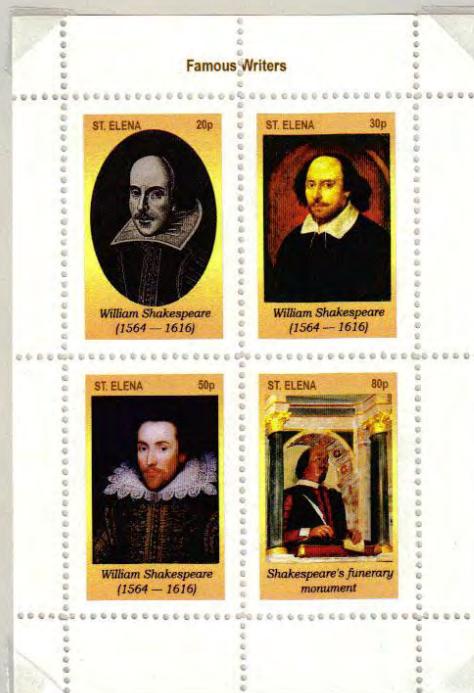


The earliest known Shakespeare stamp of 1864 was used as a "local post" label sold to raise money for the restoration of the Holy Trinity Church in Stratford-Upon-Avon. It features the bust of Shakespeare created by mason Gerard Janssen shortly after Shakespeare's death and placed in the church over his grave



1932 cover to EE. Whitney in Hingham, Massachusetts, U.S.A., depicting the Janssen sculpture of Shakespeare. Postal cancel Stratford—Upon-Avon, Warwickshire

The **Cobbe** portrait is an unattributed panel painting of a 17th century gentleman. Circumstantial evidence uncovered by researchers at Shakespeare Birthplace Trust led to the claim, presented in March 2009, that the portrait is of William Shakespeare painted from life. Support for this theory is drawn from the inheritance of the portrait by the Cobbe family from Shakespeare's patron, Henry Wriothesley, 3rd Earl of Southampton, and its resemblance to the Janssen portrait, a long-standing candidate to be a portrait of Shakespeare. Scientific examination has dated the panel and paint used to Shakespeare's lifetime.

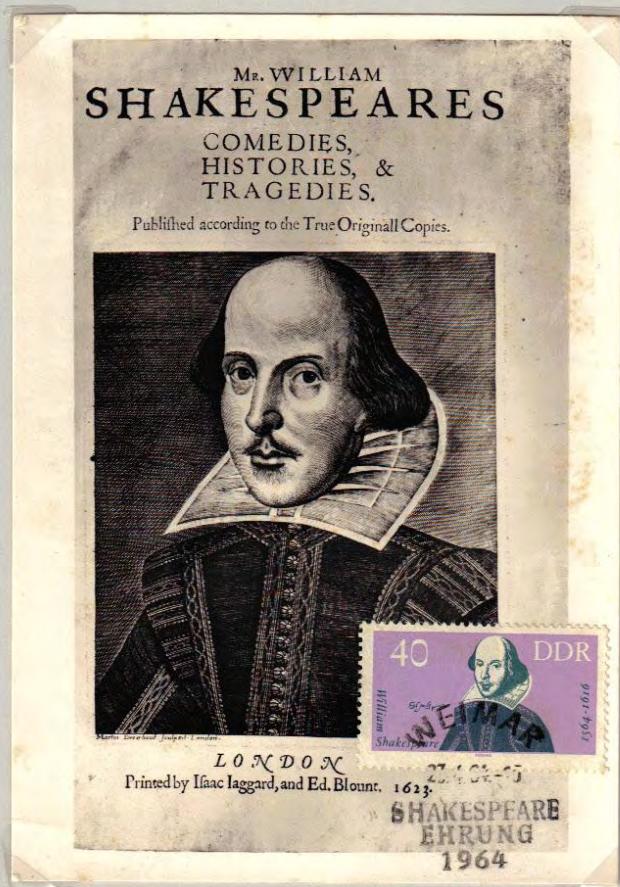


Original hand painted add-on cachet by Doris Gold 2011 picturing the lace collar of the Cobbe portrait

# Shakespeare's Plays

## First Folio

**Mr. William Shakespeare's Comedies, Histories & Tragedies** is the 1623 published collection of William Shakespeare's plays. Modern scholars commonly refer to it as the **First Folio**. Printed in folio format and containing 36 plays, it was prepared by Shakespeare's colleagues John Heminges and Henry Condell, and published in 1623 about seven years after Shakespeare's death. The **First Folio** divided the plays into three groupings: Comedies, Histories & Tragedies



Postcard featuring the title page of the First Folio edition of Shakespeare's plays, 1623, with the portrait by Martin Droeshout.

# Shakespeare Plays

## History

Henry IV, Part I  
Henry IV, Part II  
Henry V  
Henry VI, Part I  
Henry VI, Part II  
Henry VI, Part III  
Henry VIII  
King John  
Richard II  
Richard III

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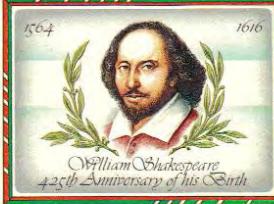


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1989 Sierra Leone Souvenir Sheet marking 425th Anniversary of William Shakespeare's birth. Stamps include the Histories: Henry IV and Richard III

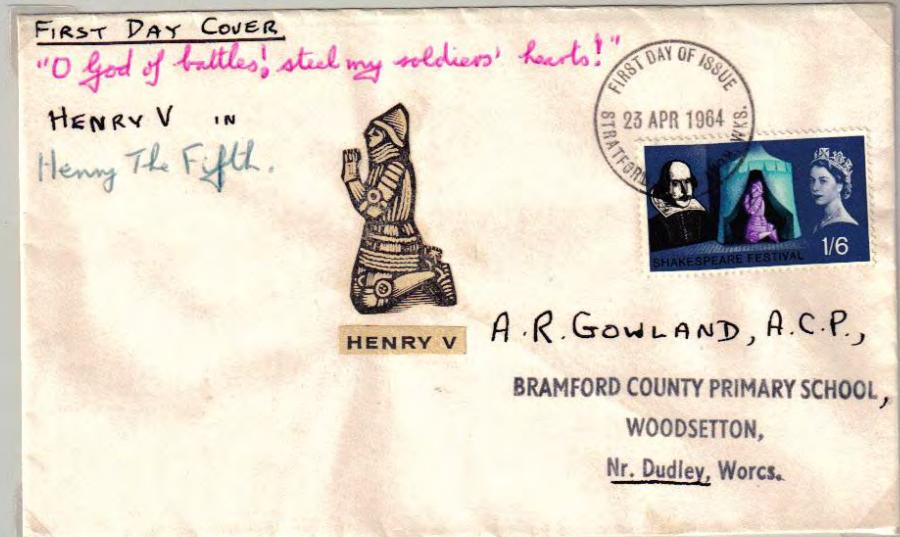
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Henry V was the most valiant of Shakespeare's kings. Immortalized by Shakespeare in the St. Crispin Day Speech, he was one of the greatest soldiers and commanders in English history



F.D.C. TRIPOLI LIBYA.

FDC to soldiers in Tripoli, Libya



1970 Barbuda

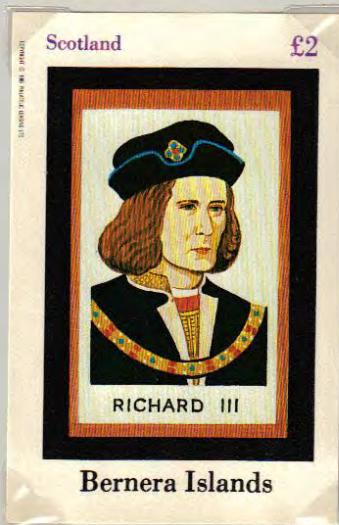
"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother"

St. Crispin Day Speech  
 Henry V

Shakespeare was fascinated by the kings, courts, and politics of England. Most of his history plays although not entirely true to the record were true to the spirit of the times.

Many scholars are sure that Richard III was not as malevolent as Shakespeare's character portrayed, and many agree that Richard was probably not deformed. However, recently found remains believed to be Richard III did show a deformity.

1982  
Richard III



Joan of Arc was no saint to Shakespeare. She was little more than a witch and true enemy of England in the play Henry V



1968 French  
Joan of Arc

During a performance of Henry VIII at the Globe theater in 1613 a cannon shot employed for special effects ignited the theater's thatched roof (and the beams), burning the original building to the ground.



*Paul Jesson*

Paul Jesson

Benham, Folkestone, Kent BLCS124

Great Britain Benham Autographed Cachet  
1997 Henry VIII & his six wives:

Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Kathryn Howard and Katherine Parr

# Shakespeare Plays

## Comedies

All's Well That Ends Well  
As You Like It  
The Comedy of Errors  
Love's Labor's Lost  
Measure for Measure  
The Merchant of Venice  
The Merry Wives of Windsor  
A Midsummer Night's Dream  
Much Ado About Nothing  
The Taming of the Shrew  
Twelfth Night; Or, What You Will  
The Two Gentlemen of Verona

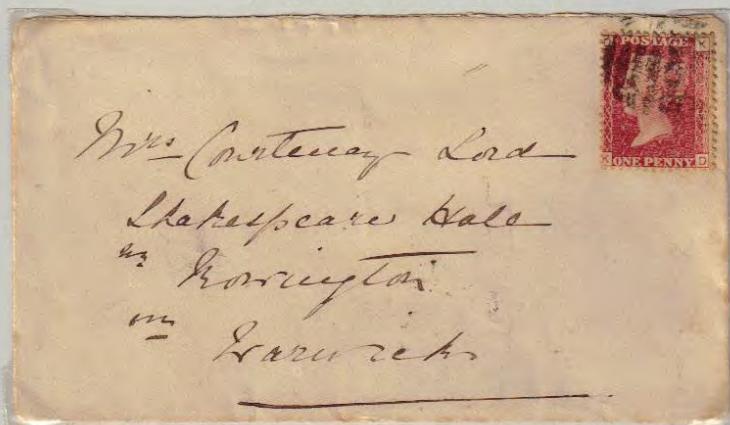


1989 Sierra Leone Souvenir Sheet # 2 marking the 425th Anniversary of William Shakespeare's birth. Stamp scenes picture: As You Like It, Merchant of Venice and Taming of the Shrew three of Shakespeare's comedies

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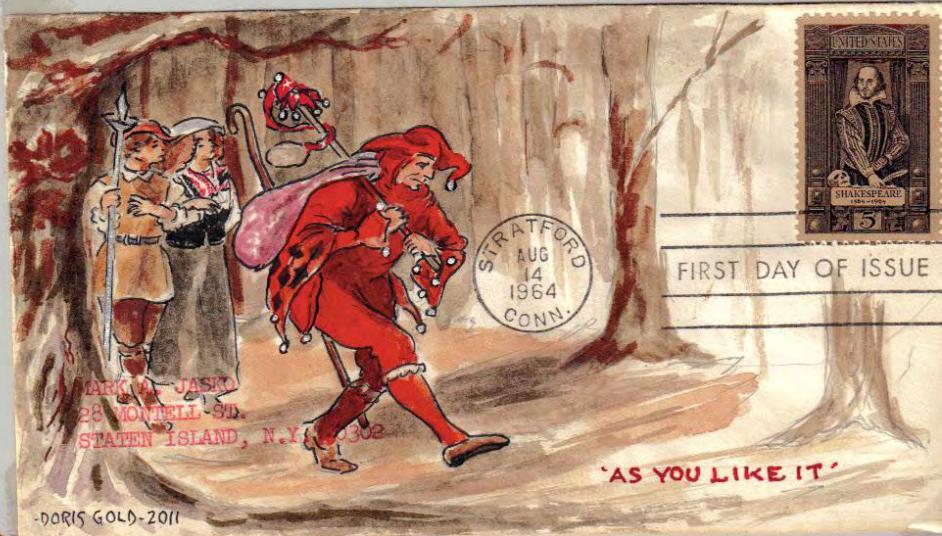
## Comedies As You Like It

It is only natural that a playwright would use some of his own experiences to conceive of plots and places for entertainment. Shakespeare Hall is a country manor house owned by Shakespeare's ancestors. It is rumored that Shakespeare Hall is where he wrote the play "As You Like It".



Correspondence to  
one Mrs. Courtenay  
Lord, a resident at  
Shakespeare Hall,  
Romington, War-  
wick, 1875.

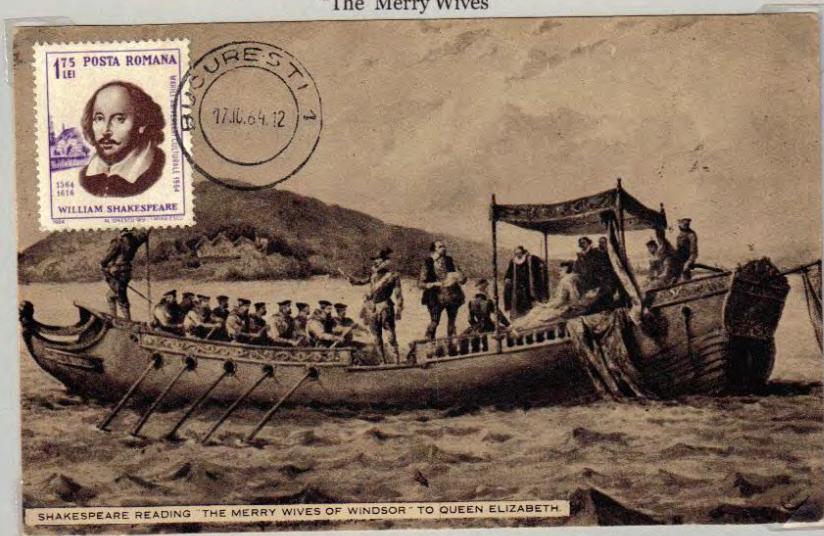
The forest of Arden was a real place for Shakespeare and just down the road from his hometown of Stratford-on-Avon. "As You Like It", of the most endearing plays written by him takes place in a forest called Arden. Here Rosalind and her cousin Celia are banished by Celia's father. Rosalind disguises herself as a boy to make the journey safer. The court jester Touchstone accompanies them on their adventures.



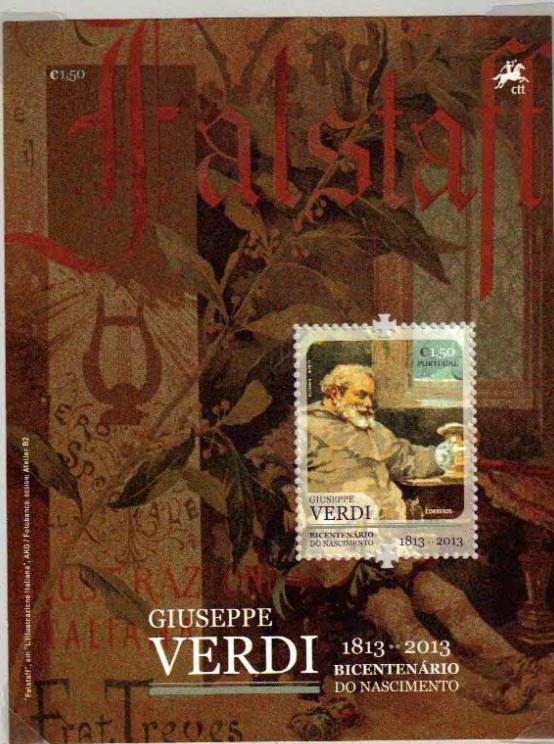
Award winning cachet artist Doris Gold hand painted this cover in 2011.  
Signed by the artist and notated 1 of 1

Queen Elizabeth asked Shakespeare to write a play based on his character Falstaff. Falstaff was a fat, vain, and boastful friend of Prince Hal in Henry IV. His character was probably the combination of two historical figures, Sir John Oldcastle and a medival knight named John Fastolf. The play is one of Shakespeare's most farcical called

### "The Merry Wives"



Why, then the world's  
mine oyster"  
*Act II, Scene 2*



1987 Liberia Issue  
Merry Wives of Windsor

Portugal 2013

The opera "Falstaff" by Giuseppe Verdi was a musical rendition of "Merry Wives"

One of Shakespeare's most popular plays is Midsummer Night's Dream. Magic and mayhem follow as four sets of lovers become intricately involved. The play is an international phenomenon as the characters are remembered on stamps from around the world.



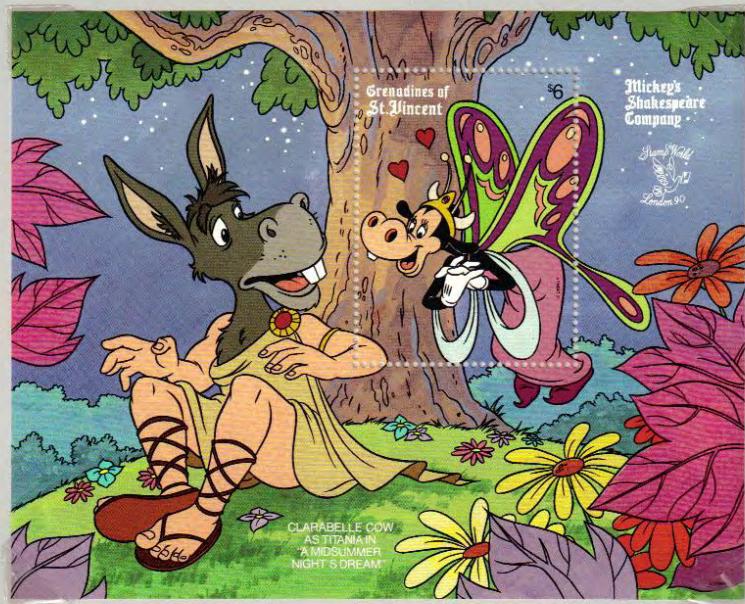
East German 1973  
Bottom and Titania



1914 German Festival Stamp featuring Titania  
and Bottom with donkey mask



Yugoslavia 1955 Scene  
from Midsummer Night's  
Dream

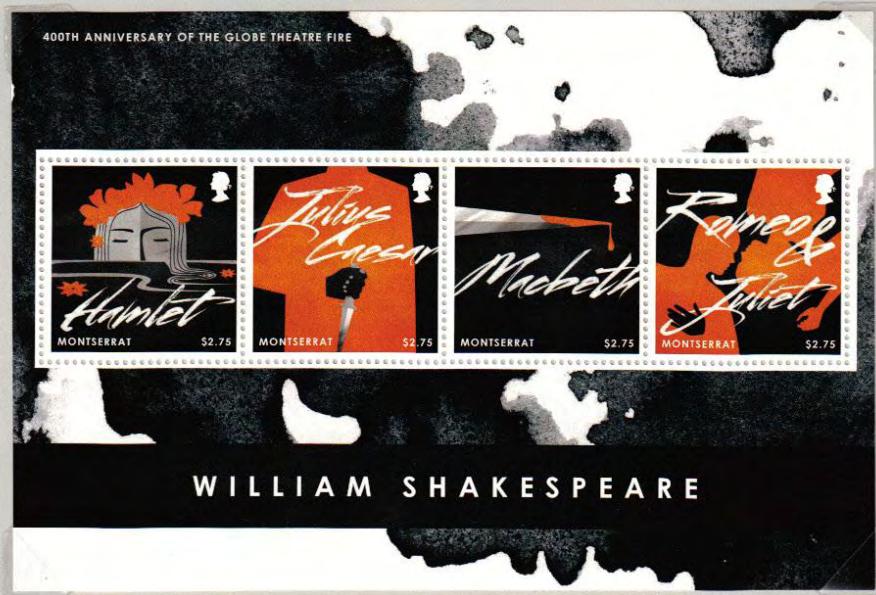


A Midsummer Night's Dream  
St Vincent 1990

# Shakespeare Plays

## Tragedies

Antony and Cleopatra  
Coriolanus  
Hamlet, Prince of Denmark  
Julius Caesar  
King Lear  
Macbeth  
Othello, the Moor of Venice  
Romeo and Juliet  
Timon of Athens  
Titus Andronicus  
Troilus and Cressida



2013 Montserrat Souvenir Sheet includes  
Tragedies: Hamlet, Julius Caesar, Macbeth and Romeo & Juliet

One of the most famous tragedies by Shakespeare is Romeo and Juliet. It relates the trials and tribulations of the young in love and war. Many countries have used stamps to recall Shakespeare's influence in art and literature.



1985  
Bahamas  
Romeo &  
Juliet



Sweden  
Romeo and Juliet Ballet by S. Prokofiev

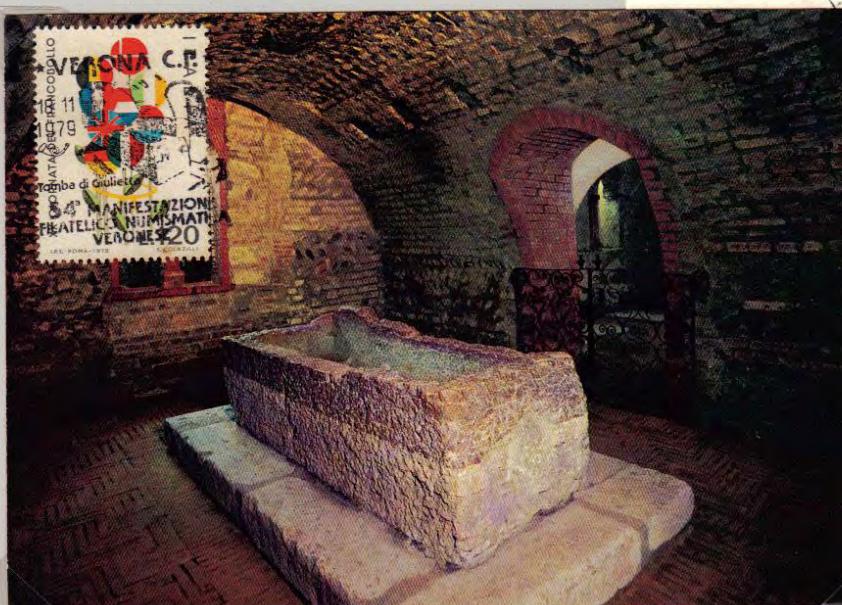


Hungary  
Romeo and Juliet Featured with  
Shakespeare



1987 Liberia issue  
Romeo and Juliet in tomb

Russian Maxi card cancel  
Ballet Romeo & Juliet



Postcard from Italy with "Tomb of Juliet" cancel 1979

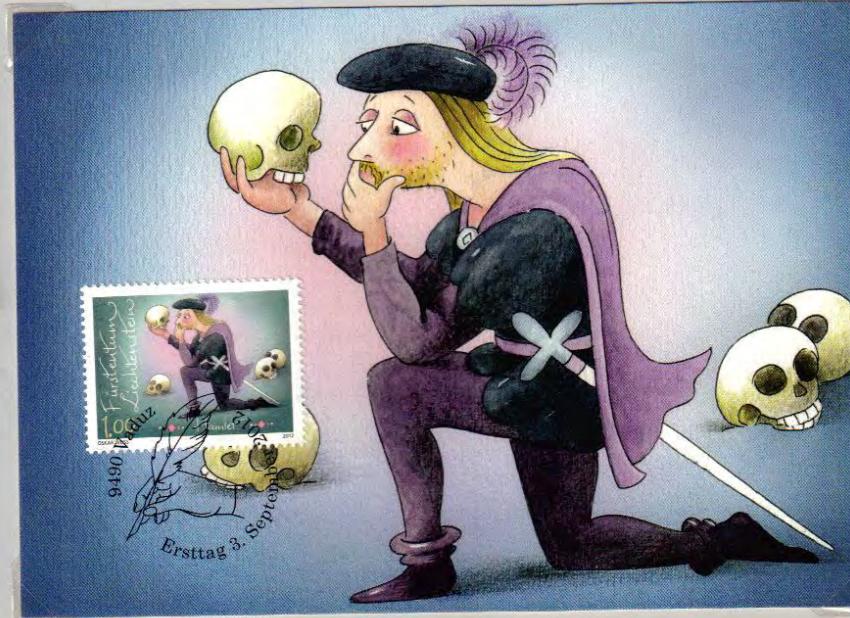
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## Tragedies Hamlet

The graveyard scene in Hamlet is probably one of the most recognizable in all of the world. Hamlet is not as crazy as many believe in that he is keenly aware of life and death struggles. Men die but truth will live on. Hamlet soon learns of Ophelia's death and knows what he must do to avenge his father.

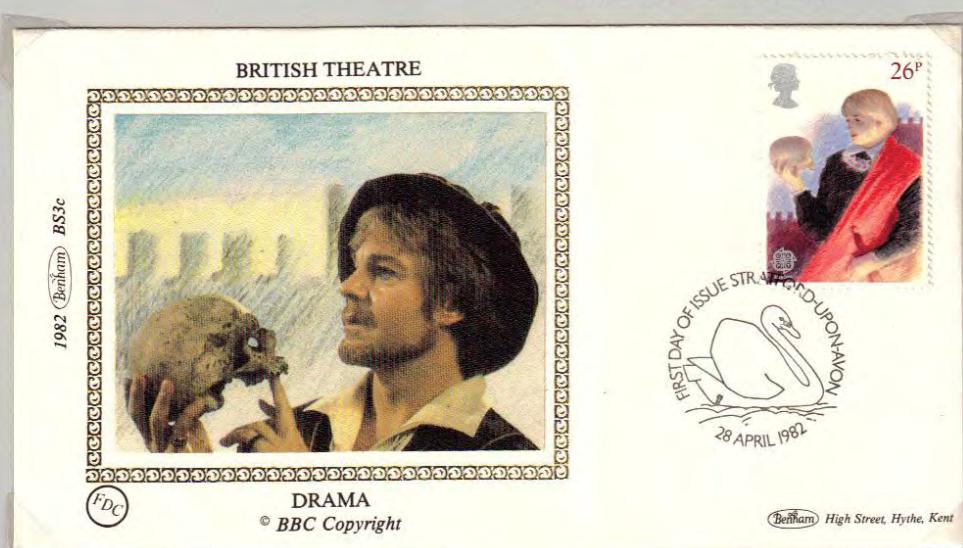


Liberia 1987  
Hamlet in graveyard with grave  
digger and Yorick's skull



GB 1982  
Hamlet and  
Skull

Liechtenstein 2012  
Hamlet ponders his own mortality



Alas, poor  
Yorick!  
I knew him...  
*Act 5, Scene 1*

# Plays

## Tragedies Julius Caesar

Julius Caesar, known as one of the most important military commanders of all time, was warned by a soothsayer in William Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar of the "Ides of March". In the time of the Roman Republic the middle of March was a time of celebrations and revelry but after Shakespeare's play March 15 was a date of reckoning.

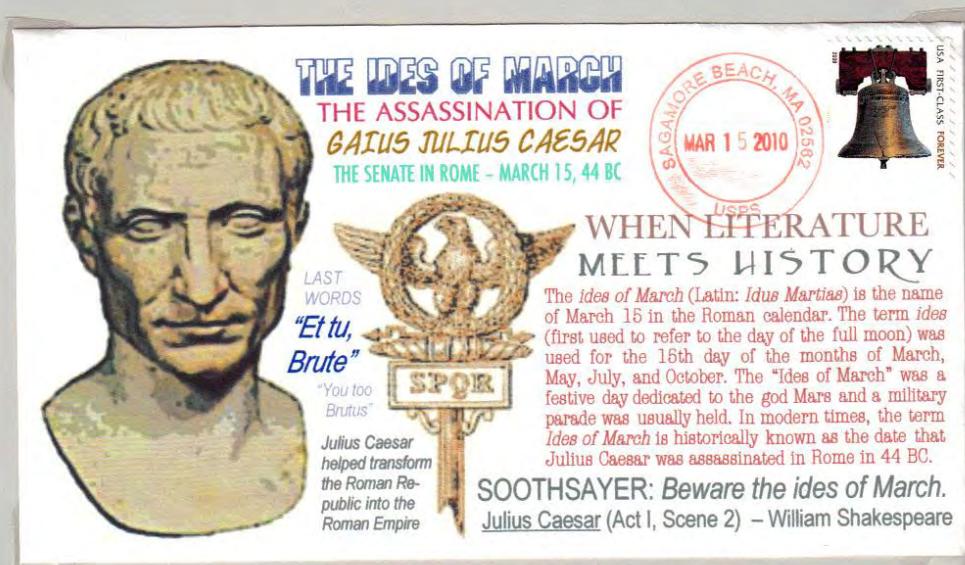


German Poster Stamp



Stamp Issues with Julius Caesar as the commemorated person

After assuming control of government, Caesar began a program of social and governmental reforms, including the creation of the Julian calendar. He centralized the bureaucracy of the Republic and was eventually proclaimed "dictator in perpetuity". But the underlying political conflicts had not been resolved, and on the Ides of March (15 March) 44 BC, Caesar was assassinated by a group of senators led by Marcus Junius Brutus. Julius Caesar's last words were "Et tu Brute"



Commemorative cachet for the "Ides of March" dated March 15, 2010

# Plays

## Tragedies Othello

The Island of Cyprus is the location of Shakespeare's play Othello. Shakespeare in his life would have known the governor of Cyprus, Christopher Moor, and Otello Tower as British colonization was at its highest. In the story Othello, a "moor" is convinced that Desdemona has been unfaithful to him by his comrade Iago. Othello confronts Desdemona and kills her before he finds the truth, then he kills himself as recourse for his mistake.

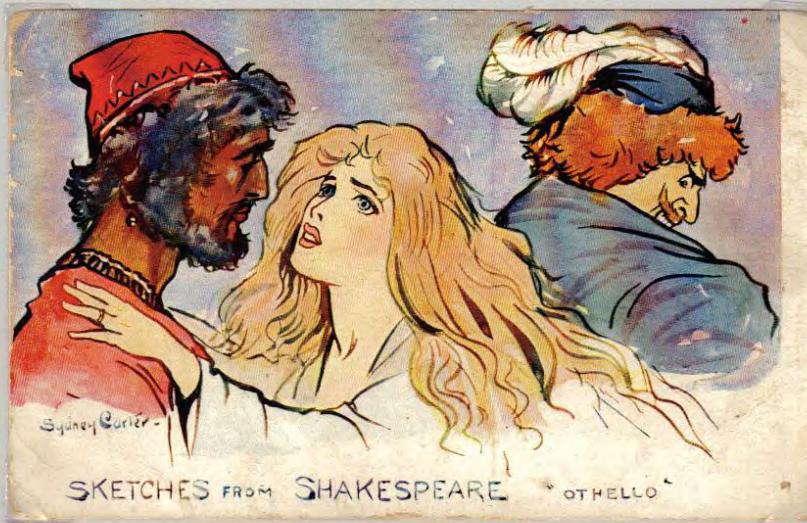
Othello Tower in Cyprus



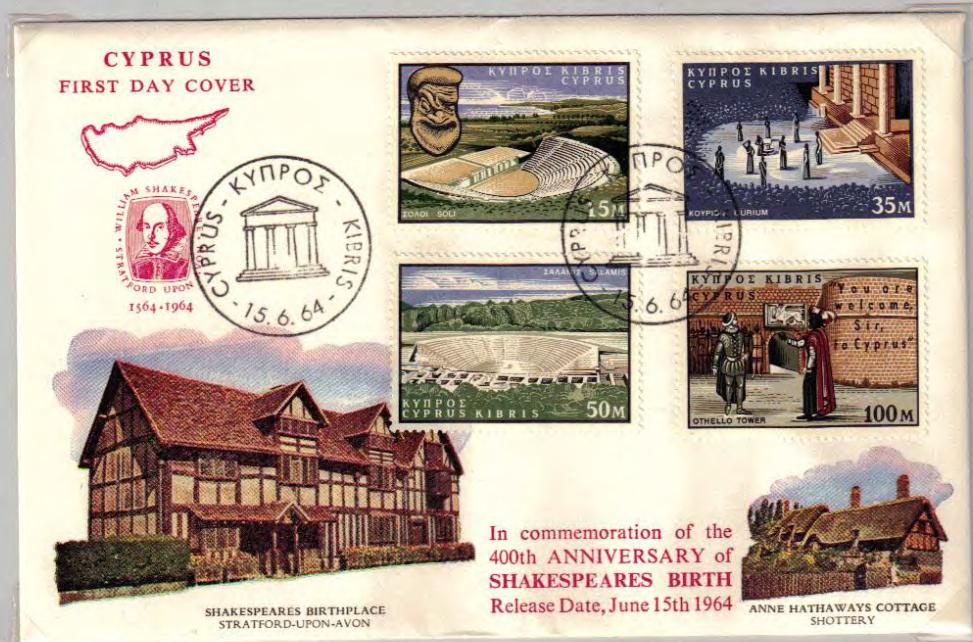
1937 Cyprus



1987 Liberia Issue  
Othello



1917 Sydney Carter PC  
Protagonists: Othello, Desdemona, and Iago



1964 Official Cyprus FDC with stamps depicting Othello Tower and the ancient Greek theaters

# Plays

## Tragedies The Scottish Play

The conspirators in the death of King Duncan were Macbeth, Lady Macbeth and three witches in the forest.

The witches predict that Macbeth will not be the future King.

The Macbeths conspire to gain the throne with murderous and fateful repercussions.

Togo Republic  
Macbeth with  
knife readyed  
to murder  
King Duncan



Liberia 1987  
Macbeth consults the witches



Germany 1976  
Lady Macbeth awaits at staircase to know of the successful murder plot

# Shakespeare Plays

## Romances / Sonnets

Cymbeline

Pericles

The Tempest

The Two Noble Kinsmen

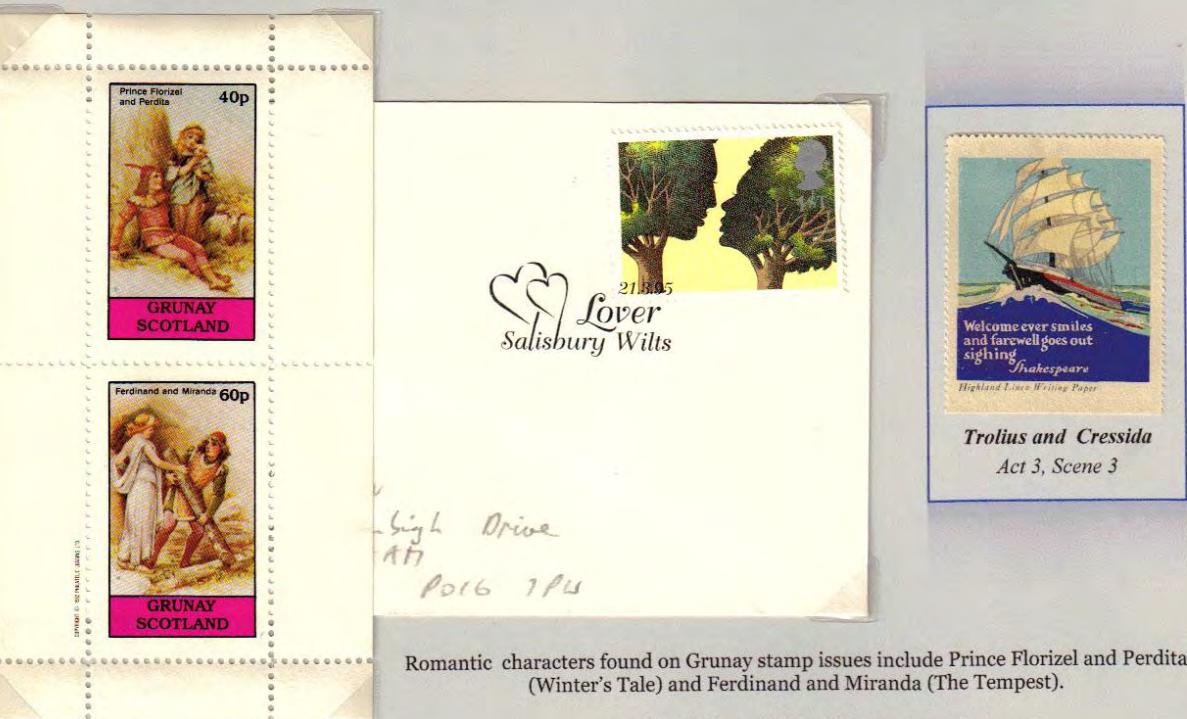
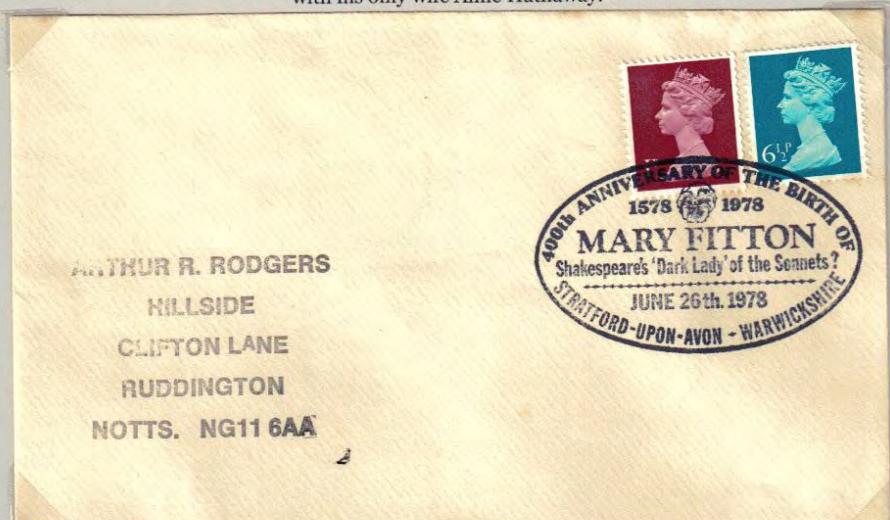
The Winter's Tale



*The play's the thing*

*Hamlet Act II, Scene 2*

In his romance and comedy Shakespeare sympathized with the starry-eyed lovers. It is believed that Shakespeare's Love Sonnets were written for a woman named Mary Fitton. She is known as the "Dark Lady" because Shakespeare refers to her in one of the sonnets as his dark lady. Shakespeare, however, retired to Stratford from London to live with his only wife Anne Hathaway.

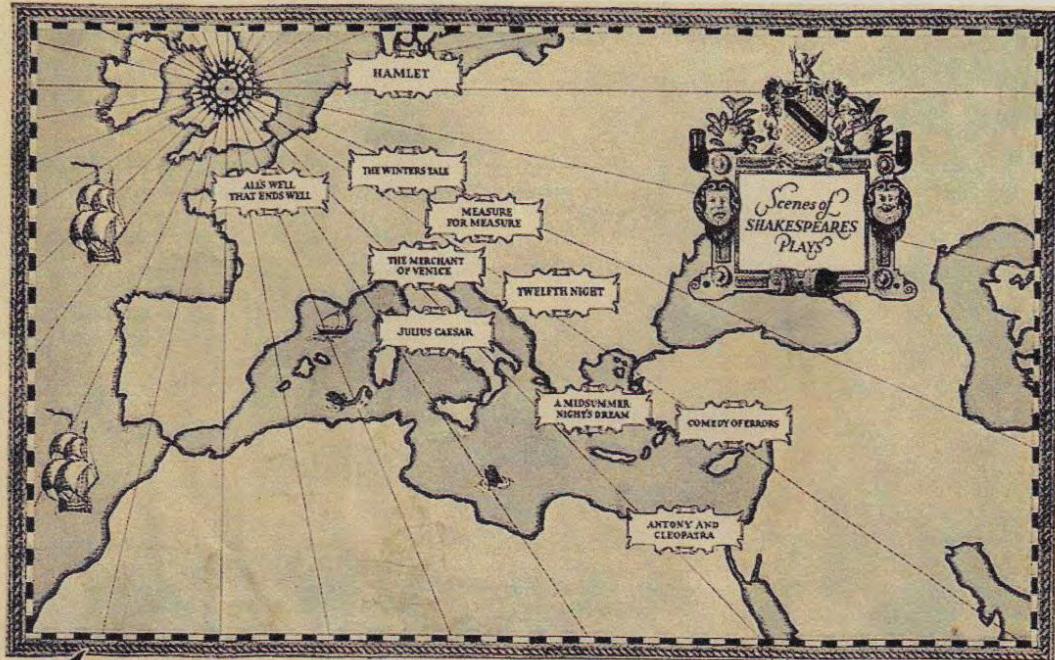


Romantic characters found on Grunay stamp issues include Prince Florizel and Perdita (Winter's Tale) and Ferdinand and Miranda (The Tempest).

1995 GB Troilus and Cressida stamp on cover

# Shakespeare's Influence

Shakespeare's influence throughout the world is more than dramatic. He has made an impression on art, music, and literature. It should also be noted that many of his plays took place in countries that he had never seen. Most of Shakespeare's travel experiences came from reading and news of historical events from associates in court. Below is a map of some of the towns and countries that hosted the plays of Shakespeare.



*Yet SHAKESPEARE never left ENGLAND !*

Reprint of a Rand McNally advertisement

South America could have  
been the "Brave New  
World" of the *Tempest*



Uruguay stamp featuring Ariel,  
the sprite in Shakespeare's play  
*the Tempest*

# Shakespearean Actors

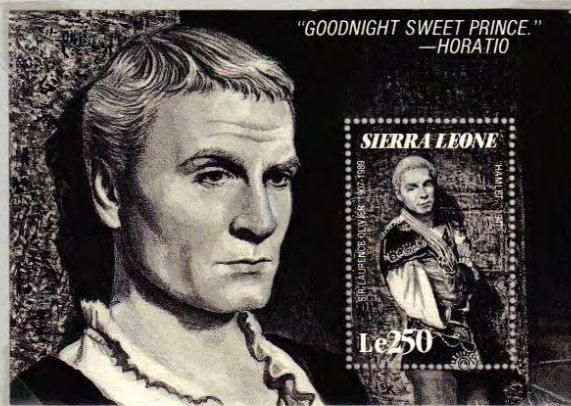
Famous Shakespearean roles like Hamlet and Othello through the years have been associated with famous actors. Many of these actors have been depicted on stamps from different countries.



Edvard Verkade  
Netherlands  
Hamlet



Hermine Körner  
Germany  
Lady Macbeth



Lawrence Olivier  
Sierra Leone  
Hamlet

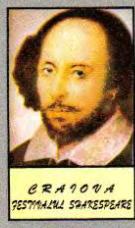


Regie: Langhoff  
Germany  
King Lear

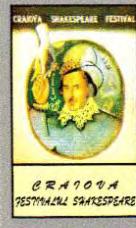
## FESTIVALUL SHAKESPEARE



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FESTIVALUL SHAKESPEARE  
ROMÂNIA



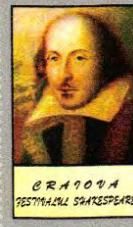
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FESTIVALUL SHAKESPEARE  
ROMÂNIA



ION MANOLESCU  
1881 - 1958  
1987  
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FESTIVALUL SHAKESPEARE  
ROMÂNIA



GHEORGHE COZORICI  
1933 - 1983  
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FESTIVALUL SHAKESPEARE  
ROMÂNIA

## TEATRUL NATIONAL CRAIOVA

*"And one man in his time plays many parts."*

*As You Like It Act II Scene 7*

Gheorghe Cozorici, Al. Demetrescu Dan. Constantin Serghe, Ion Manolescu  
Romania

# Shakespearean Actors

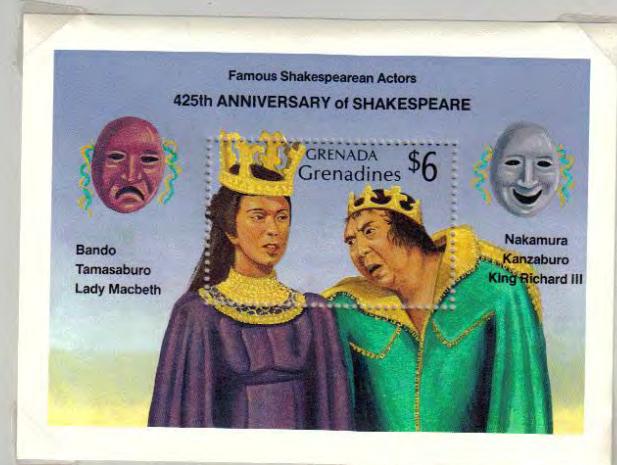
Shakespeare's characters and plays are acted around the world. Many countries honor distinguished Shakespearean actors.



John and Ethel Barrymore, Paul Robeson,  
Richard Burton  
Grenadines

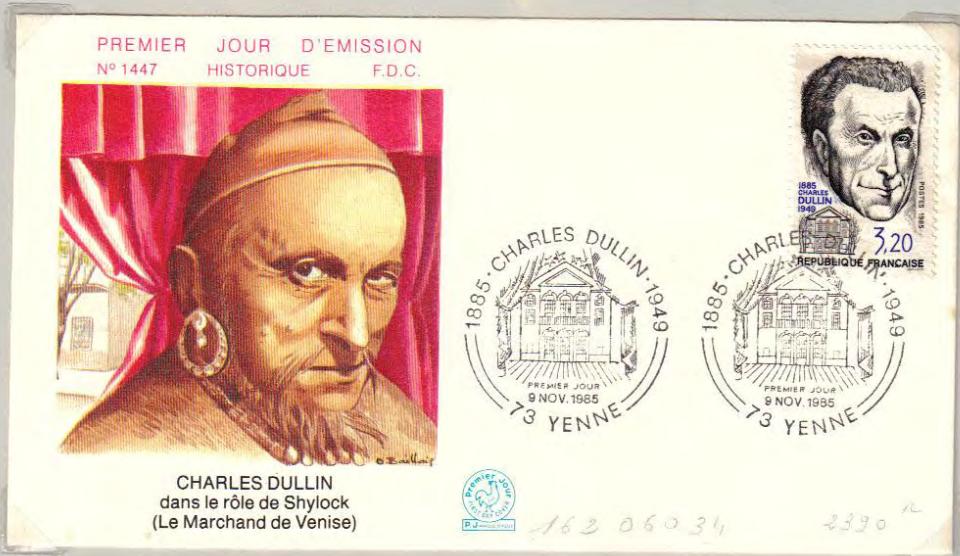


William Hutt  
Canada  
Prospero



Bando Tamasaburo  
Lady MacBeth

Nakamura Kanzaburo  
King Richard III  
Grenada Grenadines



Charles Dullen  
Shylock  
France

# Shakespearean Actors

Actors Aristizza Romanescu in Romeo and Juliet and C.I. Nottara in Hamlet are pictured on postal stationary stamps celebrating 150 years of theater in the National Theater of Bucharest.



# Shakespearean Theaters

The famous Globe Theatre was constructed after the lease ran out on "The Theater" owned by James Burbage. Shakespeare invested in the opening of The Globe Bankside in Southwark, London. The Globe , the most popular venue, was only in use until 1613, when on June 29 a fire broke out in the theatre. The cannon that was used for special effects, loaded with gunpowder and wadding, exploded. The thatched roof caught on fire and the Globe theatre burned to the ground. In 1614 a second Globe Theatre was built. In 1644 the Globe was demolished by the Puritans. Reconstruction of the New Globe Theatre was started and completed in the 20th century.



Sierra Leone 1989 / Old Globe 1598



Honoring British influence in Paraguay to art and literature two stamps were printed depicting the interior of the Old Globe Theater as a spectator would view the stage.



# Theaters

## Fund Raising

In 1879 the Royal Shakespeare Theatre opened on a two acre site beside the Avon, donated by a local brewer, Charles Flower. Local stamp issues in the years 1899-1926 were printed to raise money for the theater and its productions.



Stratford -Upon -Avon local issues

# Theaters

## Fund Raising

The local issues were often tied to mail from Stratford. In 1964 for the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth a commemorative issue of the local stamps was printed.



Letter card Shakespeare's Church Stratford dated April 24, 1901



1964 Commemorative Issue



W & H Smith postcard cancelled 1906

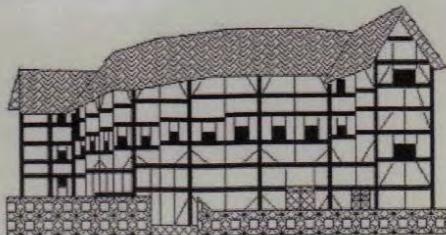
# Theaters

## England

Some of the early Elizabethan theaters were The Swan, The Rose, The Hope and The Globe. In 1995 in celebration of the opening of the new International Shakespeare Globe Center in London, Great Britain issued a series of stamps depicting the bank side theaters of Shakespeare's time. The new theater was re-created without a single nut or bolt. All is joined together with wooden pegs in a totally oak structure like the old Globe. Shakespeare appears in the lower left corner of the Globe theatre stamp 1599.

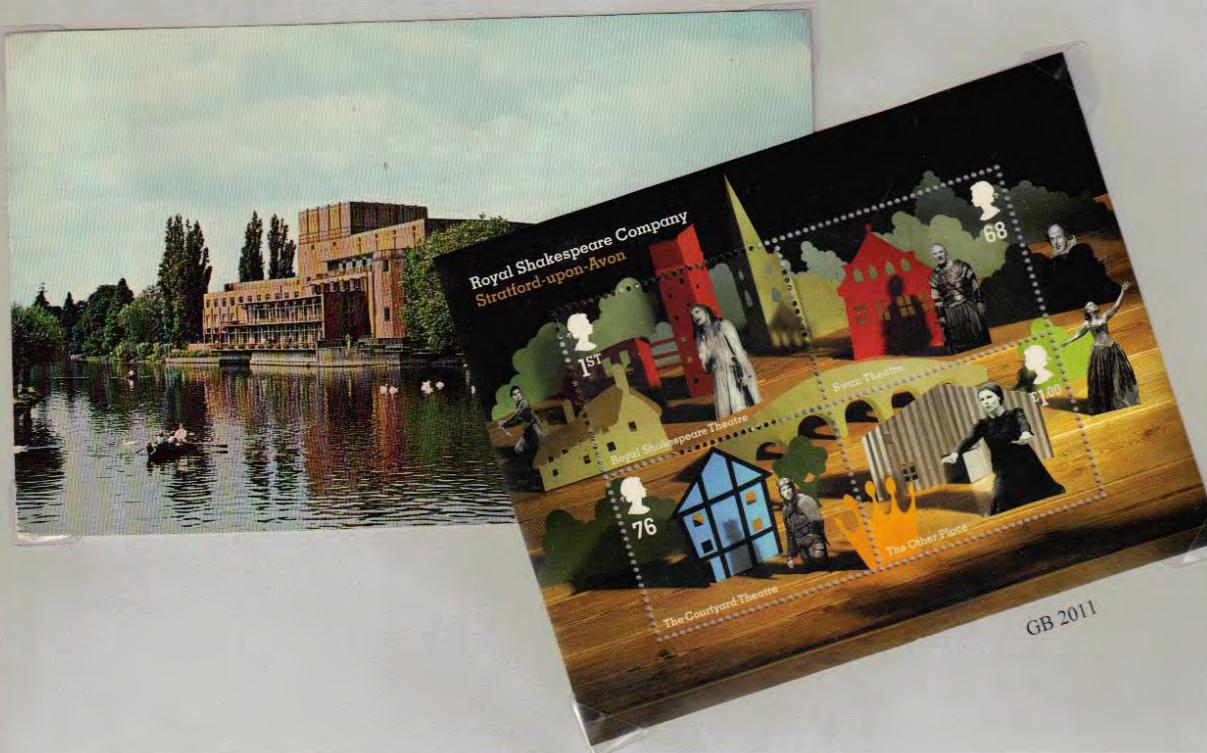


GB 1995



The New Globe Theatre

The Royal Shakespeare Theater in Stratford-on- Avon was destroyed by fire in 1926, it was rebuilt and re-opened in 1932. The four divisions of the new theater are reflected in the Great Britain 2011 issue of the Old Swan, the new Royal Shakespeare Theatre, the Courtyard Theatre and the Other Place studio theatre.



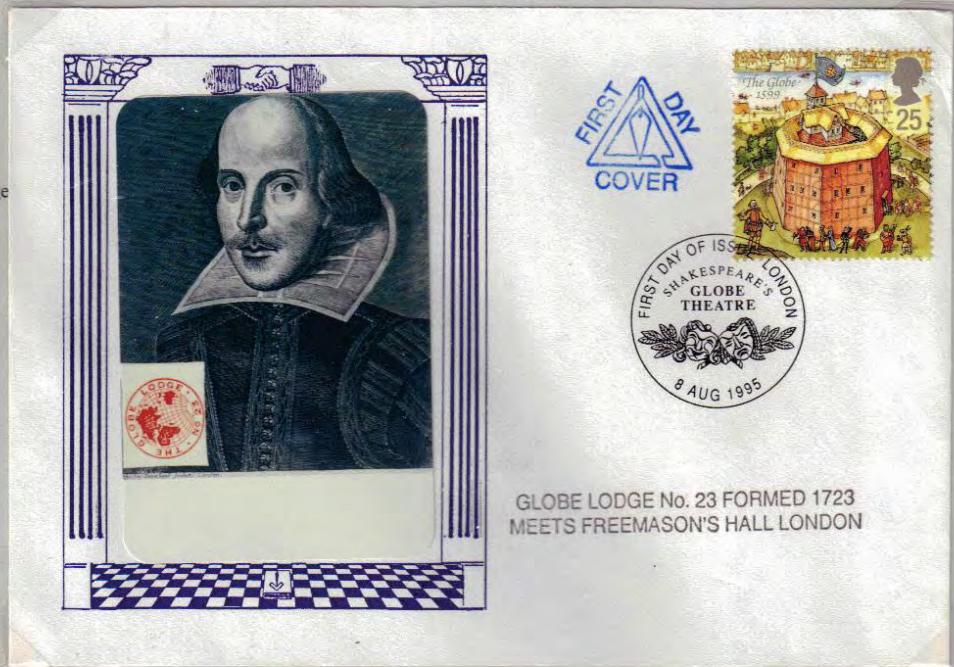
GB 2011

# Theaters

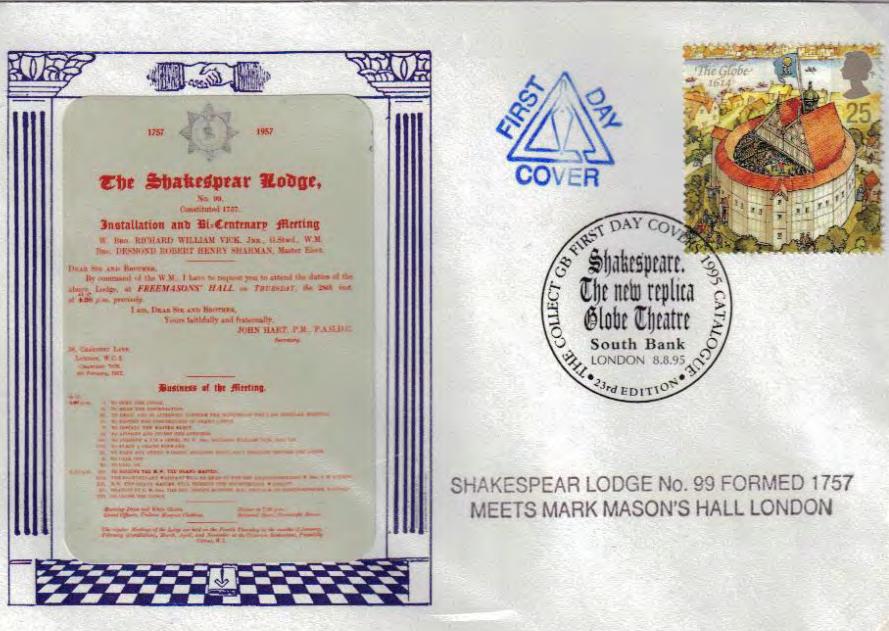
## The New Globe

The new Globe Theater was celebrated by the Free Masons' Shakespeare Lodge and the Globe Lodge. Shakespeare was most likely introduced to the Masonic group by his father, John Shakespeare. William Shakespeare often uses references to the secret society in his works.

FDC Globe Lodge



GLOBE LODGE No. 23 FORMED 1723  
MEETS FREEMASON'S HALL LONDON



FDC Shakespeare  
Lodge

SHAKESPEAR LODGE No. 99 FORMED 1757  
MEETS MARK MASON'S HALL LONDON

# Theaters

## North American

The American Shakespeare Festival Theater in Stratford, Connecticut and the Shakespeare Festival Theater in Ontario, Canada draw thousands of theater goers each year

American  
Shakespeare  
Festival Theater

FDC PC 1964



Festival Theater, Stratford -Upon- Avon, Ontario Canada

Letter Card and 8¢ Stamped PC



**STRATFORD, ONTARIO, CANADA**

Home of the Shakespearean Festival Theatre



A  
LETTER  
FOLDER

To:  
Mrs. H. Sherman  
Rockford  
Michigan  
State  
MESSAGE INSIDE

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Canada Postage 8

# Shakespeare's Legacy

Great Britain Celebrates  
400th Anniversary



PRINTED MATTER



PORTRLAND HOUSE  
Stag Place, Victoria, London S.W.1

March 31, 1964

Hello,

In all my travels, I have rarely seen such preparation as that being made for the great Shakespeare Festival.

From one end of the island to the other, the bunting is out and festivities herald the 400th anniversary of the birth of the most famous of the world's playwrights.

Enclosed is a beautifully illustrated brochure which I hope will serve to bring you a touch of the spirit on the "scepter'd isle" in 1964.

Festal, meanwhile, is my constant travel companion for the prevention and relief of digestive disturbances due to insufficiency of natural digestive enzymes. May I recommend Festal for the common patient complaints of cramps, bloating and flatulence due to excess intestinal gas.

Yours,  
"F"



Commemorating  
Shakespeare's  
400th Anniversary

Legacy

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# SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL STAMPS

Linn's Weekly  
of 3/30/64 an-  
nouncing the  
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FDC's and the  
Presentation  
packs



First Day Covers  
Posted and  
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Stratford-upon-Avon

PRICE \$1

LINN'S WEEKLY  
3/30/64



## SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

A wide variety of exhibitions, plays,  
operas, ballets and concerts will mark  
the 400th anniversary of the birth on  
23rd April 1564 of William Shakespeare



Presentation Pack of Shakespeare Stamps  
GB 1964

William Shakespeare was the first non-royal person to be honored in Great Britain with a set of commemorative stamps. To moderate the controversy the words "Shakespeare Festival" were used in addition to the Queen's picture.



The 1964 Shakespeare Commemorative stamps pictured Queen Elizabeth and the Droeshout portrait of Shakespeare. Characters from five plays include: Bottom and Puck, Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, Henry V and Feste centered on stamps



Miss H. B. Sweeney,  
66, Beacon Street,  
BOSTON,  
MASS. 02108.

The Shakespeare Festival also adorned the first GPO non-commercial cachet printed in 1964.

Commemorative airmail postal stationery was designed for the convenience of visitors to the 400th anniversary celebration. Two styles of "aerogramme" were produced: a picture of the Royal Shakespeare Theater of Stratford-Upon-Avon and another with an array of Shakespeare characters.

THIS IS FOLD BACK



The address fold of the two aerogramme was printed with a green and pink Droeshout portrait of Shakespeare.

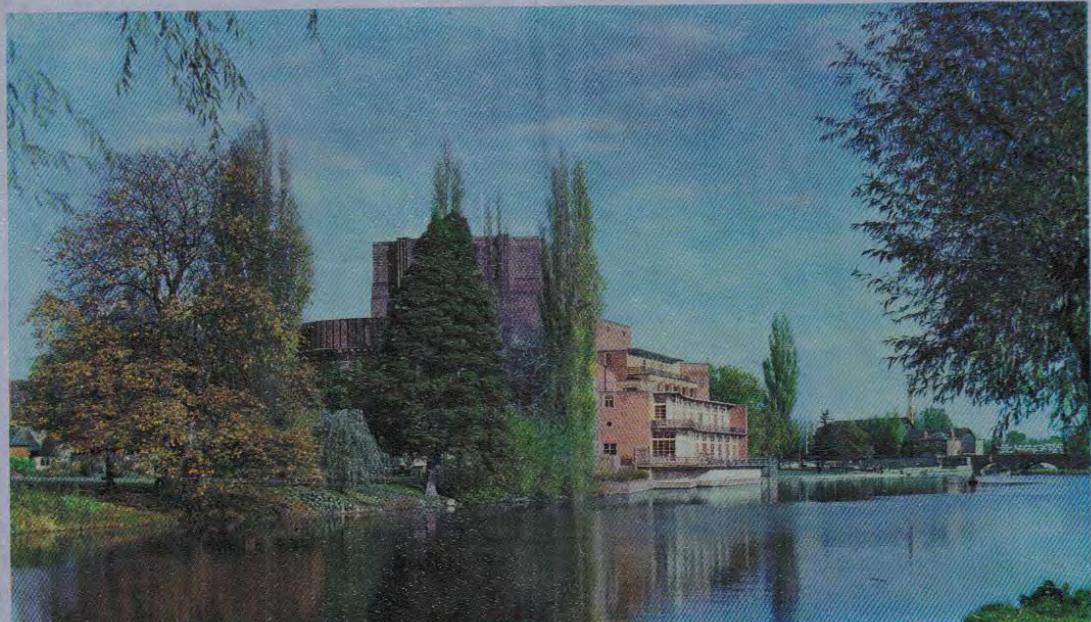
A pre-cancel version shown was made available for the Press in advance of release

Although many of these aerogramme were sold as souvenirs, only a few were actually mailed. Shown is an aerogram postmarked Ipswich, Suffolk to New Zealand

FDI



The Shakespeare aerogramme were only the second picture stationary of this type to be printed in Great Britain. One of the forms included a picture of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon. An immediate uproar occurred because the theatre was named the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and the town's name was Stratford-Upon-Avon. An aerogramme with the corrected text was issued a month later.



SHAKESPEARE MEMORIAL THEATRE, STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

Photograph by courtesy of the British Travel and Holidays Association.



ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE, STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE

Photograph by courtesy of the British Travel and Holidays Association.

Aerogramme - Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon and the corrected aerogramme  
-Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-Upon-Avon.

# Legacy

## Great Britain Celebrates 400th Anniversary

The popularity of the Shakespeare air letters went around the world. They went by air to the military field office in Cyprus. They found themselves on boats to Scotland. Ultimately they arrived in the US in time for the American celebration of its first Shakespeare stamp.

BY AIR MAIL  
AIR LETTER  
PAR AVION  
AEROGRAMME



BY AIR MAIL  
AIR LETTER  
PAR AVION  
AEROGRAMME



SHAKESPEARE  
FESTIVAL



HAROLD McNEILL,  
71 FINNART STREET,  
GREENOCK,  
RENFREWSHIRE,  
SCOTLAND

m.s. "DEVONIA"  
LONDON 165272.  
G.R.T. 1274550  
N.R.  
B.H.

BY AIR MAIL  
AIR LETTER  
PAR AVION  
AEROGRAMME



*It is not in the stars to hold  
our destiny  
But in ourselves.*

Julius Ceasar Act I, Scene ii

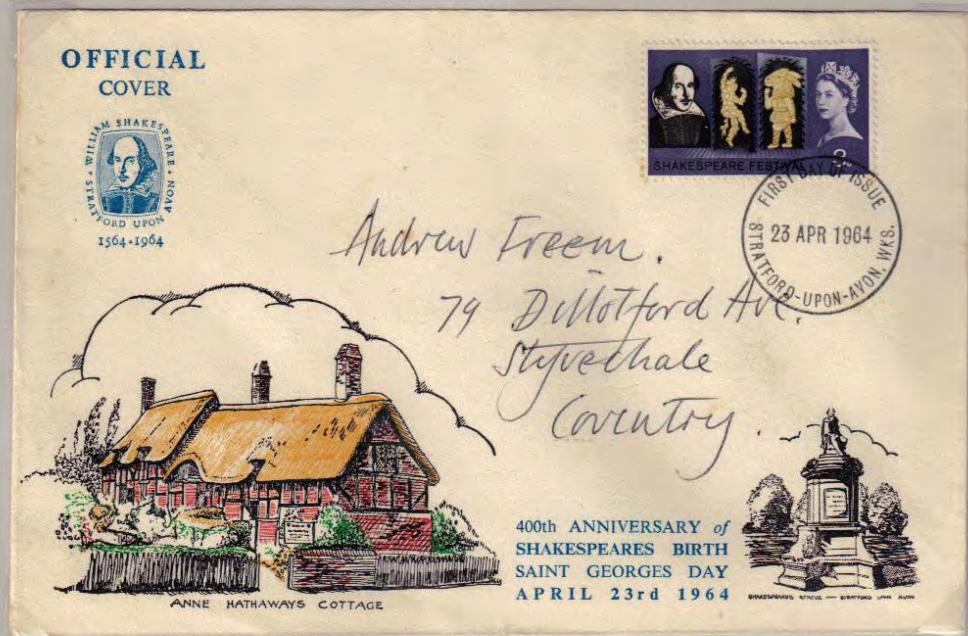
Colonel L.P.J. Herbert, R.A.O.C.,  
C.R.A.O.C., Cyprus,  
HQ Ordnance Depot Cyprus,  
British Forces Post Office, 53.

STRATFORD  
AUG.  
14  
1964  
CONN.  
SHAKESPEARE  
FESTIVAL

Official Commercial FDC's



Two of five rare commercially produced FDC's



Legacy

Great Britain Celebrates  
400th Anniversary

FIRST DAY COVER.



Mrs Beryl Green,  
Silver Birch Cottage,  
Burntwood Road,  
SEVENOAKS,  
KENT.

Shakespeare would have been proud to know that 400 years after he died the royals of England were still remembering his name.

FDC GB Issue cancelled "House of Commons" and "House of Lords"

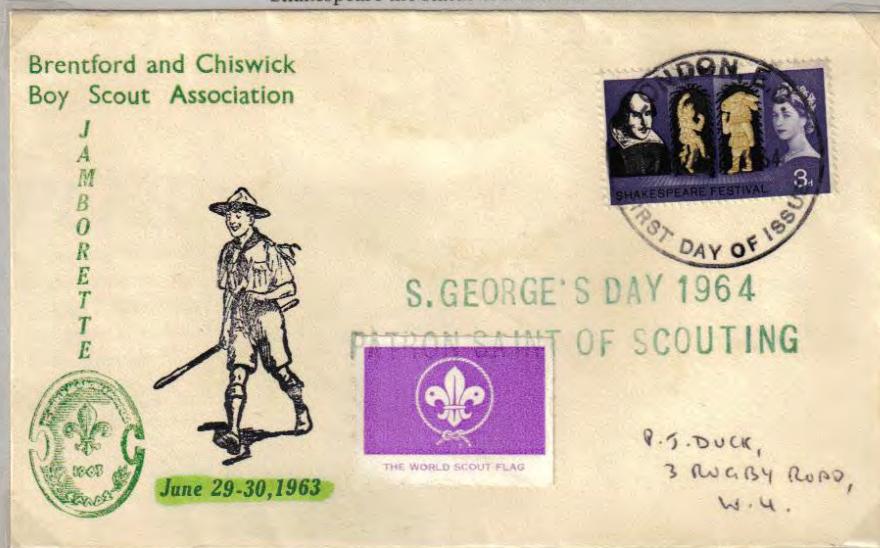


J. Liausun, Esq.,  
53A Haling Park Road,  
South Croydon,  
SURREY.

# Legacy

## Great Britain Celebrates 400th Anniversary

William Shakespeare was born on April 23, Saint George's Day. As the 400th Shakespeare celebration would coincide with the St. George Day celebration, the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust at the time decided to combine the two celebrations. They printed their official FDC cover to also commemorate St. George's Day. This served to quiet the critics worried of giving Shakespeare the status of a national hero.



Saint George is the Patron Saint of Boy Scouting.

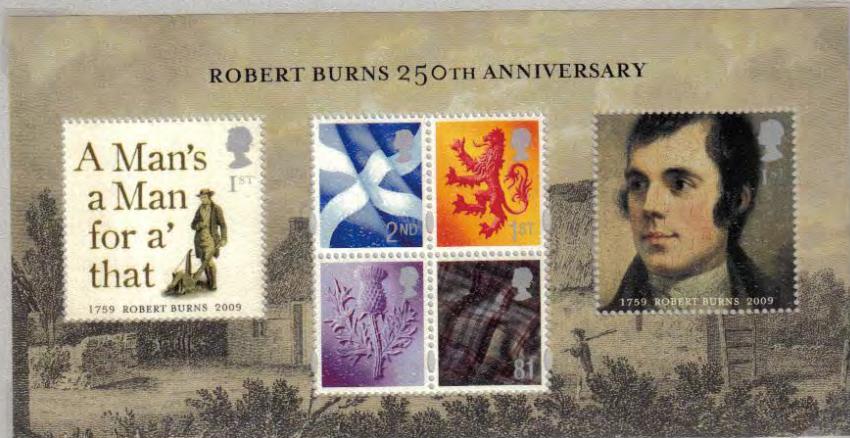


Official FDC of Shakespeare Birthplace Trust

# Shakespeare's Legacy

## Robert Burns

The 250th Anniversary stamp of Robert Burns' birth flashes memory back to 1964 when Scottish nationalists claimed that their national poet, Robert Burns, should have been honored on a stamp of the United Kingdom in 1959. To this aim special "Vinetas" were created with a portrait of Burns that circulated along with the emission of the Shakespeare issue in 1964. It should be mentioned the Burns bicentenary in 1959 was honored on stamps in Rumania and Russia.



*Uneasy lies the head that  
wears the crown*

*Henry IV, Part II*



Mr. Herman Herst, Jun.,

SHRUB OAK

New York,

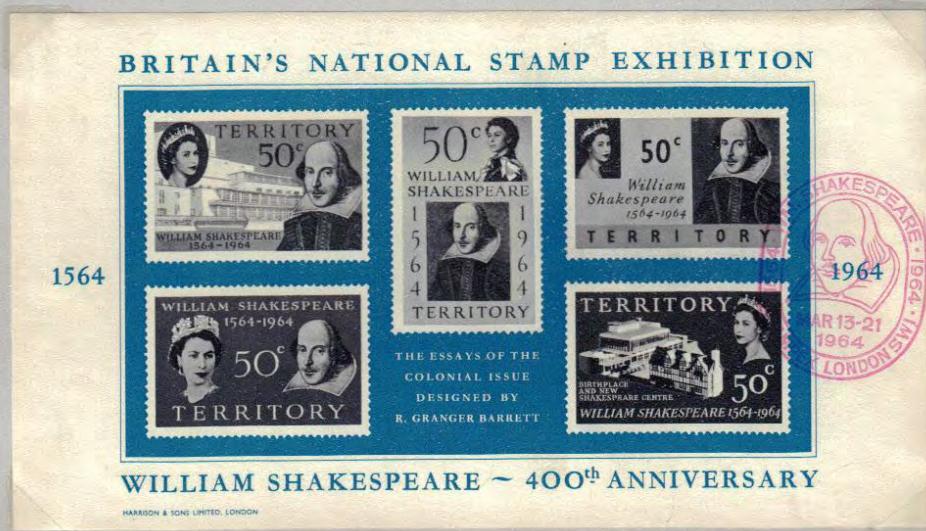
U-S-A.

Shawlin  
6 de Marzo 1962  
Montevideo, Uruguay

# Shakespeare's Legacy

## British Colonies 400th Anniversary

The twelve British Colonies adjoined Britain to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth. They submitted a set of essays to be considered for their use. An omnibus issue was printed using a combination of the following designs. All stamps included the Modern Shakespeare Theater in Stratford and pictures of the Queen and Shakespeare.



Essay Souvenir Sheet depicting the selections for the colonial issue with Droeshout postmark



Shakespeare Festival FDC with selected design for colonies mailed to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, LTD.

The British colonies Antigua, Montserrat, Bechuanaland, Bahamas, Grand Cayman, Falkland Islands, Gambia, Virgin Islands, Turks and Caicos, St. Lucia, Gibraltar, and Dominica issued stamps and first day covers with pictures of Shakespeare's birth place and their countries' emblems.



1964 British Colonial Omnibus Issue of 12 stamps commemorating the birth of Shakespeare

Official FDC's

Each colony had one official post office of FDC issue except for Bahamas with three and the Cayman Islands with five, one of which was Shakespeare from Hell.

**OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER**



ST. JO  
23 APR 64  
ANTIGUA

**OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER**



NASSAU  
23 APR 64  
BAHAMAS

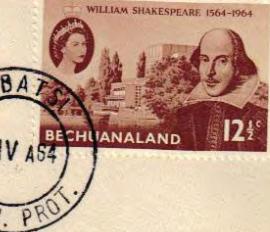
NASSAU  
23 APR 64  
BAHAMAS

**OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER**



GRAND CAYMAN  
23 APR 64  
CAYMAN ISLANDS

**OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER**



LOBAT  
23 IV 1964  
BECH. PROT.



SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE  
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

400th ANNIVERSARY of  
SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTH  
SAINT GEORGES DAY  
APRIL 23rd 1964



ANNE HATHAWAY'S COTTAGE  
SHOTTERY

Legacy

British Colonies  
400th Anniversary

Commercial FDC's



400th Anniversary  
of the Birth of  
**WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**  
(1564—1616)



FIRST DAY COVER



David R. Stokes Esq:

Kaiser Bauxite Company

Spur Tree

Jamaica.

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



EERSTE DAG VAN UITGAVE



Acc  
Box 5403  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

Ordinary FDCs

People in the colonies got very excited about Shakespeare's 400th Anniversary. The two envelopes displayed show a creative, dedicated Shakespeare postal excitement with the cancels, Cinderella stamps and registrations applied to their letters.



# Shakespeare's Legacy

## King Edward

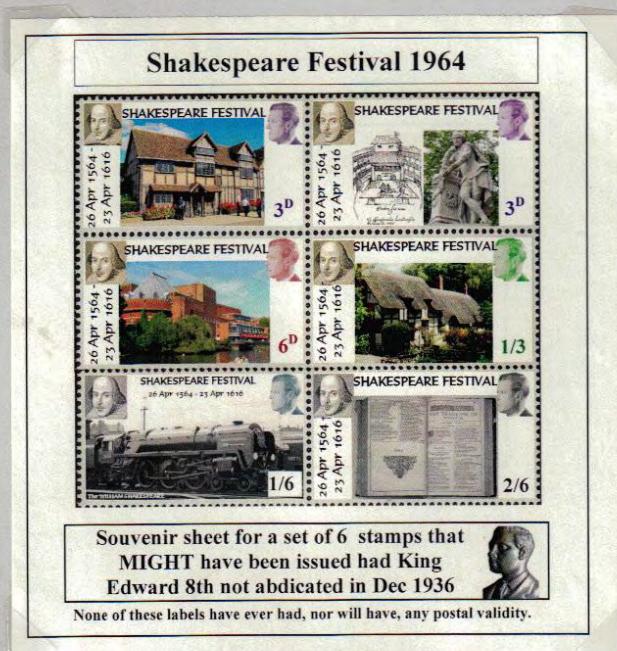
On the night of December 11, 1936, Edward VIII made a broadcast to the nation and the Empire, explaining his decision to abdicate the throne. He famously said, "I have found it impossible to carry the heavy burden of responsibility and to discharge my duties as king as I would wish to do without the help and support of the woman I love."

His brother, Prince Albert, Duke of York, succeeded to the throne as George VI. George's elder daughter, Princess Elizabeth, became first in the line of succession, as heiress presumptive.

This history begs the question,

*"What if Edward had not abdicated and the Shakespeare 400th celebration needed a different stamp?"*

Could it have looked like the ones below?



Cinderella stamps depicting Edward VIII in the same corner as the now universally accepted Shakespeare stamps of Great Britain 1964.

# Shakespeare's Legacy

400th Anniversary

UNESCO

In 1963 UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) published its first bi-annual list of commemorative personalities and events which member nations could use as celebrations of the lives or events of the past. East Germany remembered Shakespeare 1564, Schulter 1664, and Schadow 1764 in a commemorative series of stamps



Registered letter from Wismar, Germany to Akron, New York

Czechoslovakia was also a UNESCO member. The country issued three stamps commemorating three famous men born in 1564: Shakespeare, Galileo, and Michelangelo.



The Shakespeare stamp is a colorful stamp featuring Bottom  
(the Donkey) from Midsummer Night's Dream



Cover illustrating with black and white design the commemoration of Shakespeare, Galileo, and Michelangelo.

Legacy

UNESCO  
400th Anniversary

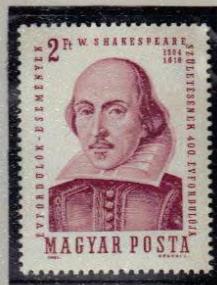
The Island of Cyprus as a member nation of UNESCO issued a set of stamps commemorating Shakespeare's 400th anniversary. The set also included two of the island's ancient theaters, a scene from Oedipus Rex by another literary genius Sophocles and a scene from Shakespeare's Othello, a play which includes the Island of Cyprus for the location of the tale.



In 1964 Hungary a member country of UNESCO issued two stamps commemorating the birthdays of Galileo and Shakespeare as suggested by the UNESCO



Imperforate



Perforated



Cover with Hungarian stamps commemorating famous men;  
Shakespeare included.

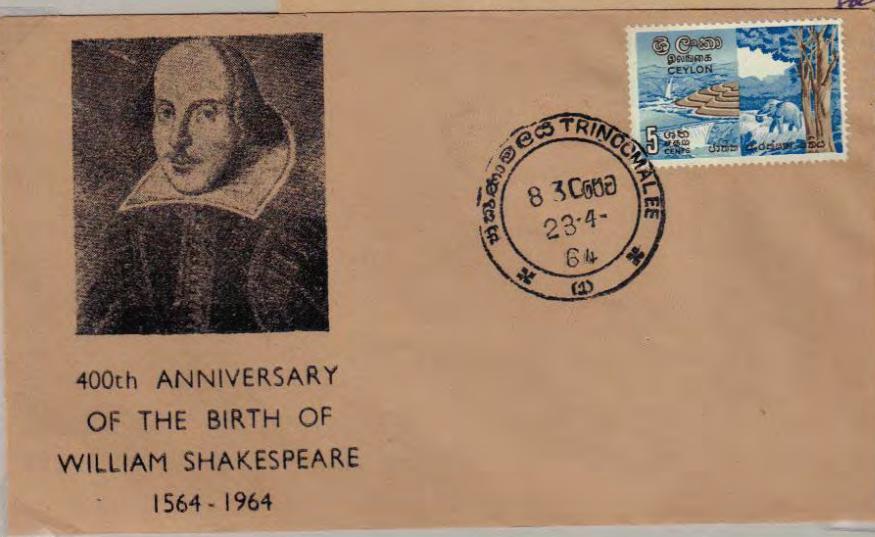
# Shakespeare's Legacy

Around the World  
400th Anniversary



400 GODIŠNJI  
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE  
1564 - 1964

Russian 1964 stamp with scenes from Romeo and Juliet vignettes on each side of Shakespeare Picture



400th ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE BIRTH OF  
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE  
1564 - 1964

# Shakespeare's Legacy

Ukraine PPU  
400th Anniversary

The initials PPU stand for Pidpil'na Poshta Ukrayny—the Ukrainian Underground Post. Next to the official state-issued stamps of the country from which their mail was being sent Ukrainians in the free world also affixed stamps released by the PPU.

In the free world all those who circulated the PPU's stamps were clearly aware that he or she was giving financial assistance to the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) underground and the armed liberation struggle that was being waged on the territory of Ukraine.

These underground postal issues had great ideological and propagandistic value. Through its postal issues the PPU reinforced the Ukrainians' conviction that their country had not been vanquished but was continuing to struggle for freedom and total liberation of their native country.



Ukrainian Exile Stamps honoring  
William Shakespeare  
1964

# Shakespeare's Legacy

United States  
400th Anniversary



*"Not for an Age but for All Time"*

William Shakespeare  
Quadracentennial



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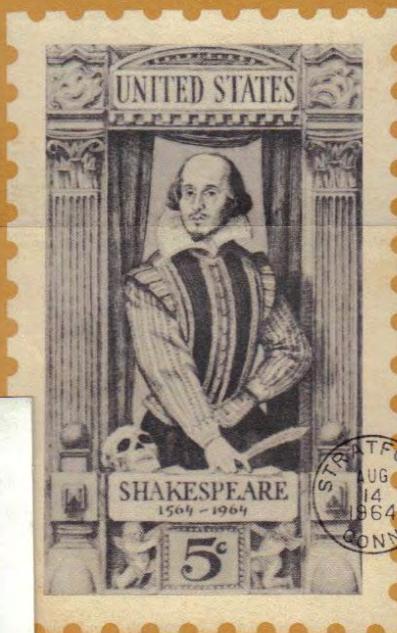
ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE  
AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN  
MERELY PLAYERS

*W. H. Shakespeare*

The U. S. Shakespeare stamp was issued at Stratford, Conn. August 14, 1964. The three-quarter portrait of Shakespeare, in ornate ruff and doublure, stands before the proscenium of an Elizabethan theatre. Near his right hand, in which he holds a quill pen, lies "Poor Yorick's Skull." At the top of the left column, Comedy is depicted by a mask wearing sock. On the right column. The mask wearing buskin depicts Tragedy.

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## 5-CENT WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP



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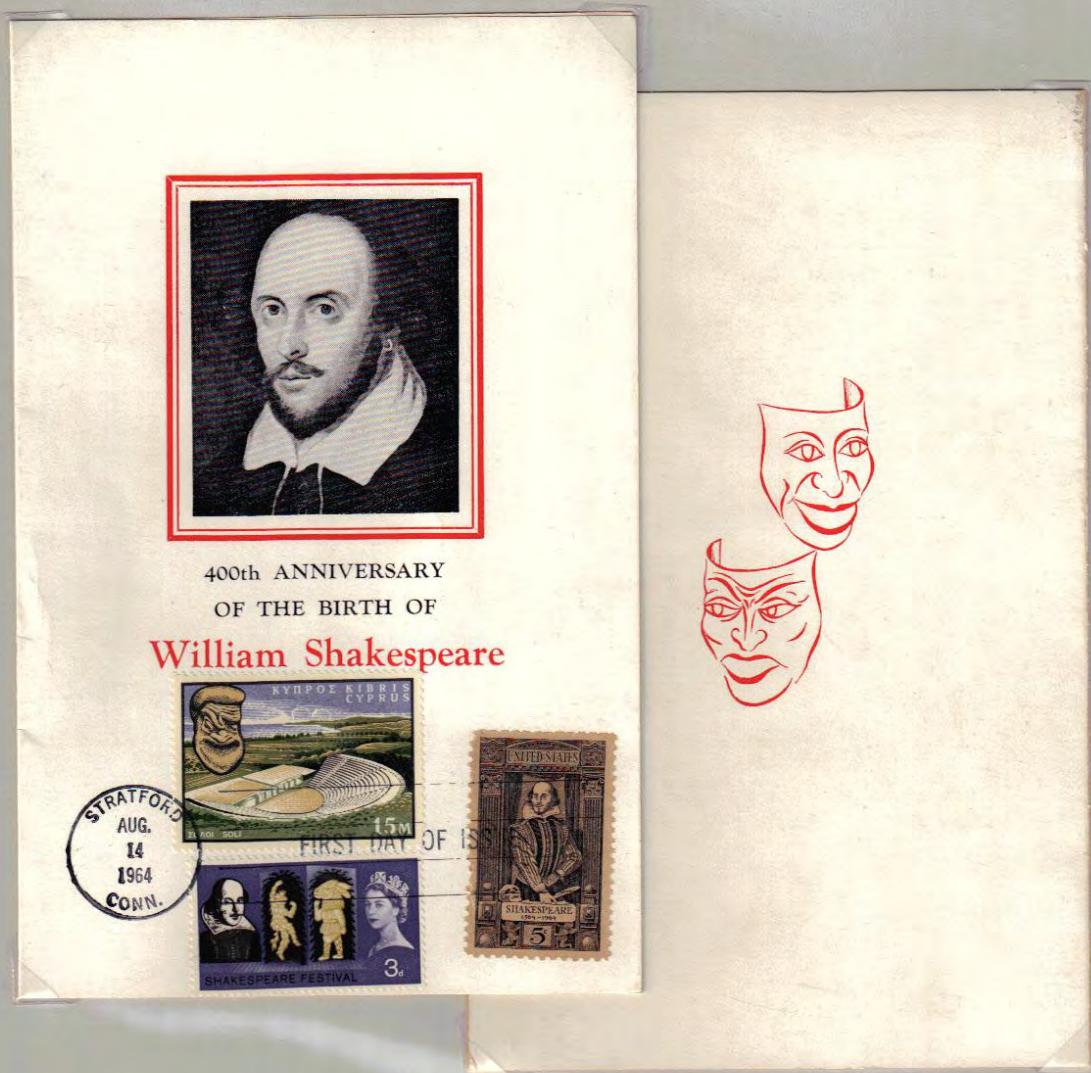
Shakespeare Anniversary Committee  
OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER  
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The Shakespeare Anniversary Committee included Mrs. John F. Kennedy as Honorary Chairman. Ceremonies for the unveiling of the design of the stamp were held in Ashland, Oregon on July 11, 1964, the home of the Oregon Shakespearean festival. The Oregon company is the oldest of the Western Hemisphere Shakespearean festivals. Dedication ceremonies were held in Stratford, Connecticut at the American Shakespeare Festival Theatre.



US Shakespeare Festival  
Butler and Kelly souvenir folder 4/x 6 1/2 with 1964 Shakespeare commemorative stamps from Cyprus, Great Britain, and United States

In the words of President Lyndon B. Johnson the United States of America honored the birth of Shakespeare in 1964 with a stamp "...to reawaken interest in the vitality and beauty of the English language through the works of William Shakespeare".

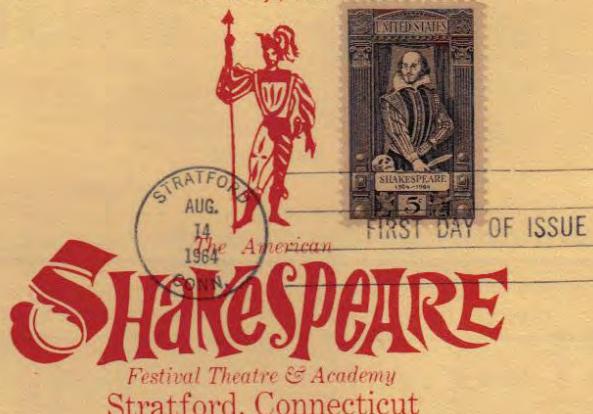
American Shakespeare Theatre and Academy, PC

Performance bulletin for the summer productions of the American Shakespeare Theatre



**"You're in for a treat. By all means make the trip to Stratford."**

Allan Jefferys, WABC



Shakespeare at the White House  
American Shakespeare Festival Theatre Anniversary Performance, June 22, 1964

**"Richard III is the man of the hour. Douglas Watson was singled out for further plaudits from Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson. She introduced him to the President, 'This gentleman has just given the most magnificent and frightening performance.'"**

Maxine Cheshire, The Washington Post

# Legacy

## United States 400th Anniversary

With the excitement of the 400th celebration, The Nutmeg Stamp Club of Stratford, Connecticut produced a cachet designed by the Postmaster Julius Tucciarone. He signed 500 covers for visitors to the local post office.

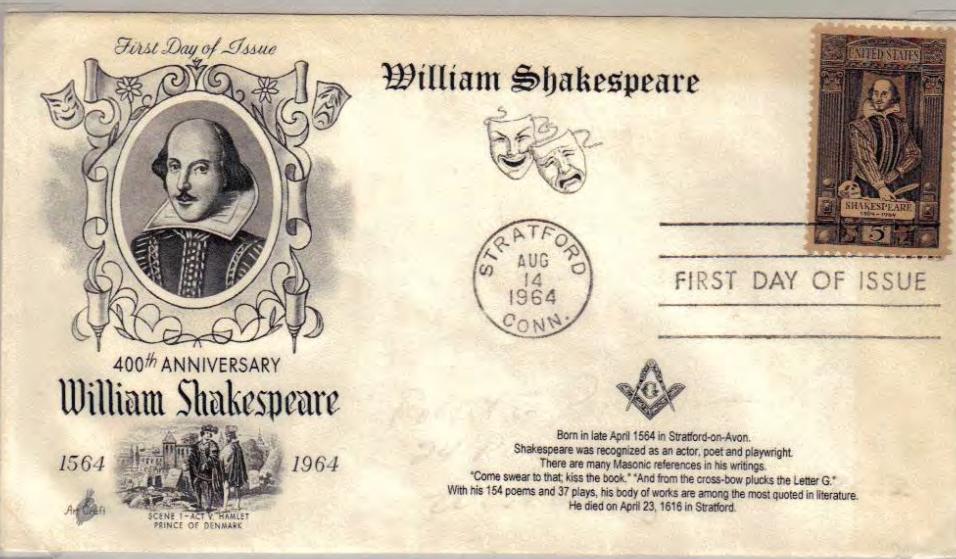
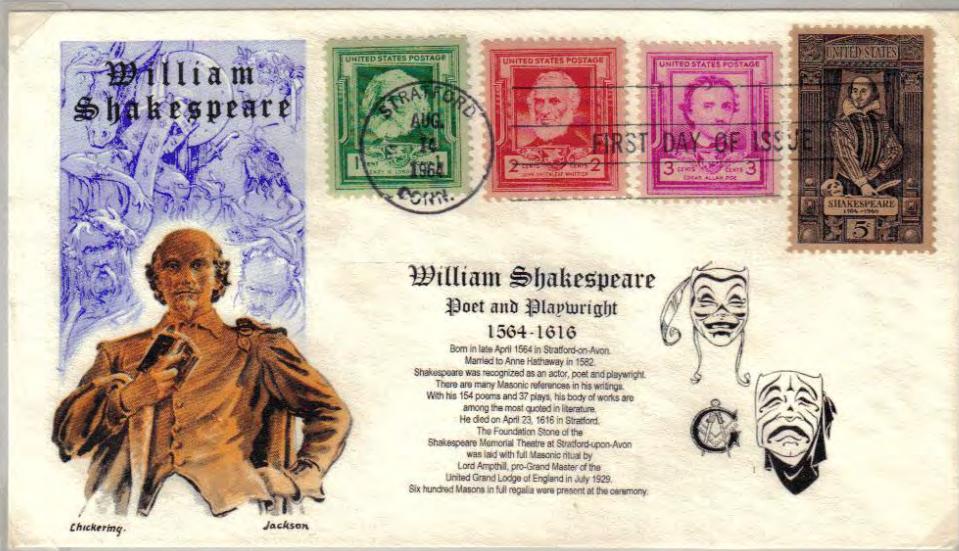


The Greenwich Stamp Club in Greenwich, Connecticut also produced its own celebratory cover. It is a historical fact that in the great hall of the Royal Palace in Greenwich, England, two Shakespeare comedies were performed for Queen Elizabeth.



The birth of "modern" Freemasonry is subtly linked to Shakespeare. He is known to have used Masonic references in his works.

In July 1929 the Foundation Stone of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon was laid with full Masonic ritual by Lord Ampthill, pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. Six hundred Masons were present at the ceremony in full regalia. U.S. Masonic groups were quick to recognize their Shakespearean heritage.



"Come swear to that; kiss the book."

Tempest Act II, Scene 2

"And from the cross  
-bow plucks the  
Letter G."

Richard III Act I,  
Scene 1

# Shakespeare's Legacy

## 425th Anniversary

The Soviet Union issued a postal commemorative for Shakespeare in 1989 to recognize 425 years of his influence on world literature and dramatic arts.



Grenada and the Maldives formerly under British control both issued Shakespeare stamps for the 425th anniversary of his birth in 1989.



1989 Stratford Upon Avon Birthday Cancel



SHAKESPEARE'S COTTAGE  
Reproduced from a Victorian engraving

a limited edition of 25



# Shakespeare's Influence

## Translations

The works of Shakespeare have been translated into almost every language and some of these translations have to be considered true literary treasures. Its translators include prominent writers.



Leandro Fernandez de Moratin  
"Hamlet" in Spanish



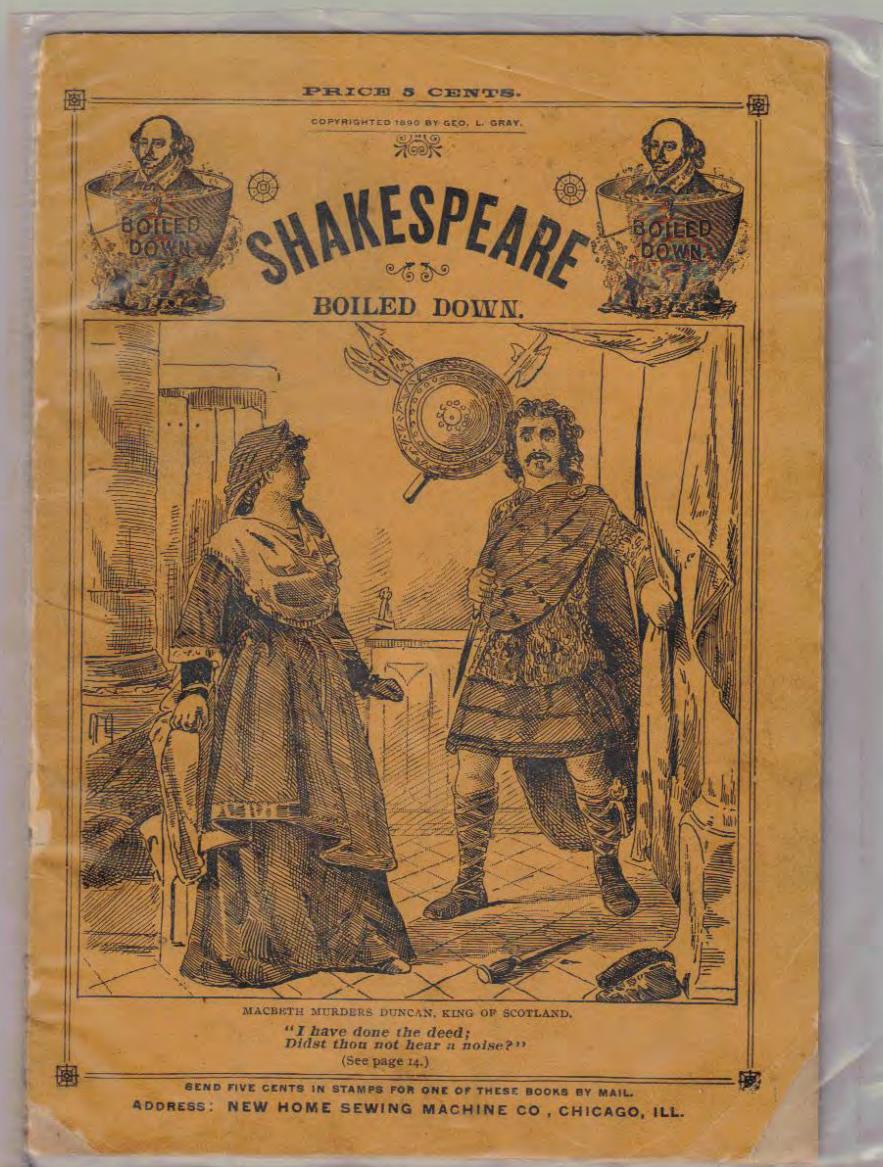
Friedrich Schiller  
"Macbeth" in German

The bibliography of William Shakespeare is extensive. One of the most complete studies of Shakespeare's life and works is contained in eight volumes written by the French poet and politician Lamartine.



1964 Yugoslavia cover with postal cancel commemorating 100 years of the Slovak Translation

Some companies like the New Home Sewing Machine Company published "Boiled Down" translations of Shakespeare plays for the general public. For the mere cost of five cents in stamps, a booklet copy of Shakespeare plays would be sent to them



# Shakespeare's Influence

## Quotes

Shakespeare is often quoted on stamps. Looking closely one will find quotes from his various plays and writings on stamps. Cyprus, Gibraltar and Ghana are three countries to use Shakespeare quotes on their stamps.



1998 Gibraltar Issue  
Poem "Venus and  
Adonis"



1964 Cyprus Issue  
Othello, Act IV, Scene 1

### A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

425<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of William Shakespeare.



1989 Ghana 425th Anniversary Souvenir Sheet  
A Midsummer Night's Dream

A Shakespeare quote was chosen for this 1964 set of stamps to Commemorate the 400th Anniversary of Shakespeare's birth and the proud heritage of the Lundy Islands. Shown are a set of three Lundy Island stamps with error (white dot under wing) and Shakespeare quote.



Envelope posted with three Lundy Island stamps

# Influence

## Quotes

Quoting Shakespeare continues to this day as Chicago honors him with a "Talk like Shakespeare Day" every April 23 rd. Others have found that celebrating Shakespeare through quotes is memorable and fun.

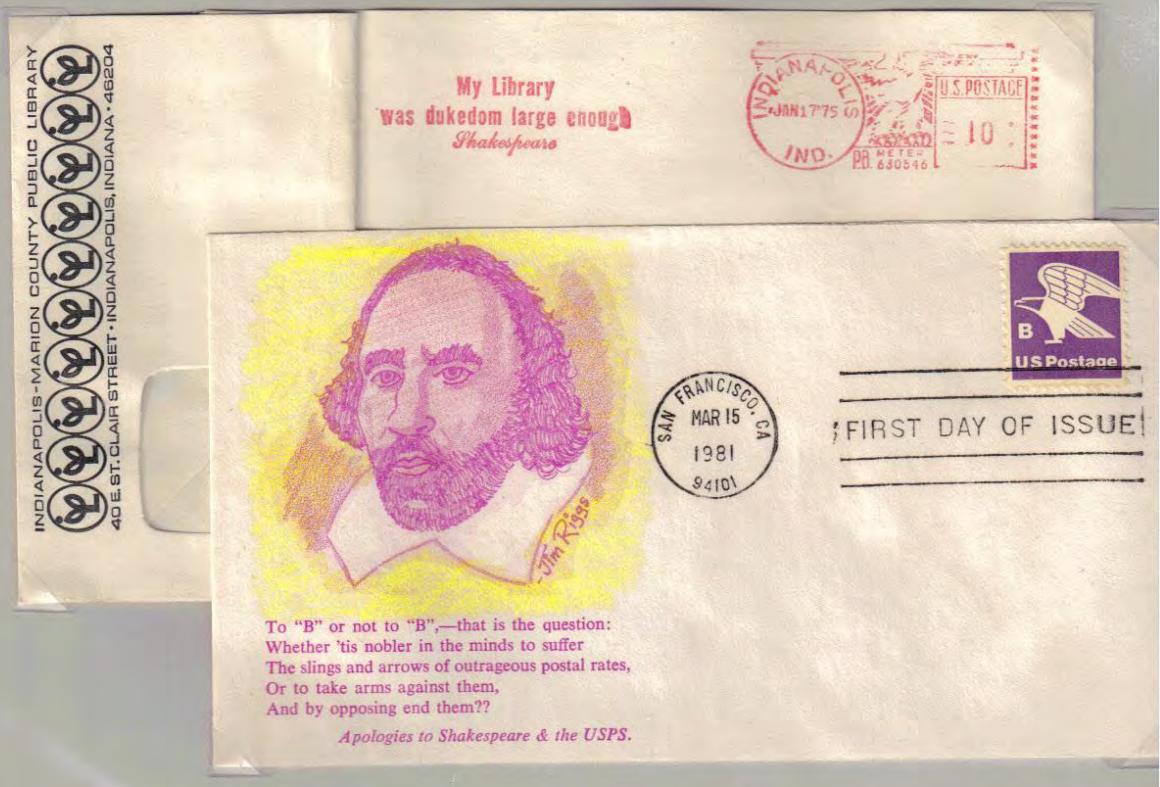


2011 GB issue honoring 50 years of the Royal Shakespeare Company

Two cachets having fun with Shakespeare quotes

Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library quote from the Tempest

FDC March 15, The Ides of March and pun on quote "To Be or Not to Be"



To "B" or not to "B",—that is the question:  
Whether 'tis nobler in the minds to suffer  
The slings and arrows of outrageous postal rates,  
Or to take arms against them,  
And by opposing end them??

*Apologies to Shakespeare & the USPS.*

# Shakespeare's Influence

## Literature

Phrases from Shakespeare's works have inspired writers of all nationalities for 400 years. Many take their titles from phrases Shakespeare wrote. Here are just a few of the most famous Shakespeare titles.



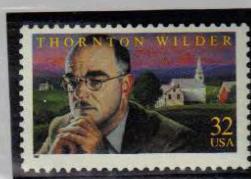
**Edith Wharton**  
Glimpses of the Moon  
Hamlet



**John Steinbeck**  
The Winter of Our Dis-  
content  
Richard III



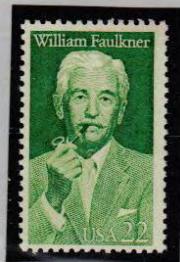
**Dorothy Parker**  
Not So Deep As a Well  
Romeo and Juliet



**Thornton Wilder**  
The Ides of March  
Julius Caesar



**Aldous Huxley**  
Brave New World  
Tempest



**William Faulkner**  
The Sound and the Fury  
MacBeth



**Langston Hughes**  
Shakespeare in Harlem  
Poems



**Pearl S. Buck**  
Words of Love  
King Lear

# Shakespeare's Influence

## Music

Many composers honored with stamps by their countries have been inspired by Shakespeare's plays and sonnets, and have used them in their music and lyrics.  
"Othello" was a popular choice.

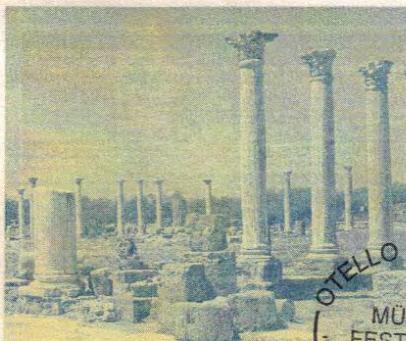


FIBICH  
"Othello"  
Symphonic Poem

VERDI  
"Othello"  
"Macbeth", "Falstaff"  
Operas

DVORAK  
Overture for "Othello"

Kuzey Kıbrıs Türk Cumhuriyeti  
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus



OTELLO OPERASI  
MÜZİK FESTİVALİ  
28.8.1998  
LEFKOSA - 30.1.1999

İlk Gün Zarfı - Post Office FDC



1998 Cover celebrating the Turkish Music Festival and Verdi's "Othello" opera

Many musicians were inspired by Shakespeare's writings



**TCHAIKOVSKY**  
The operas "Romeo and Juliet", "The Tempest" and "Hamlet"



**GOLDMARK**  
"Winter's Tale"  
Opera



**Strauss**  
"Hamlet" and "Macbeth"  
Three songs and symphonic poem



**SUK**  
"Winter's Tale"  
Overture



**D'INDY**  
"Anthony and Cleopatra"  
Overture



**BENDA**  
"As You Like It"  
Love Songs



**PIJPER**  
"The Tempest"  
Incidental Music



**BALAKIERV**  
"King Lear" Opera



**SIBELIUS**  
"The Tempest" and "Twelfth Night"



**SCHUMANN**  
"Julius Caesar"



**SCHUBERT**  
"Two Gentlemen of Verona"  
"Cymbeline"



**MONIUSZKO**  
"Hamlet"



**GOUNOD**  
"Romeo and Juliet"



**SMETANA**  
"Richard III"  
"Macbeth and the Witches"

# Shakespeare Remembered

## Modern Entertainment

Radio, TV, Movies, and Musicals all embrace the brilliance of Shakespeare. Below is a BBC radio FDPC, a Russian cachet with stamp of first Hamlet movie production, a Rock musical GB stamp, adapted from the Tempest, called Forbidden Planet and a PBS TV Dr. Who limited edition FDC featuring the Shakespeare Code episodes

# The Listener

AND BBC TELEVISION

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"ГАМЛЕТ"  
Роман Сер  
Козинцев

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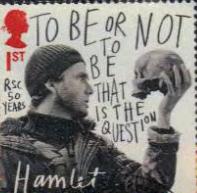
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Hamlet



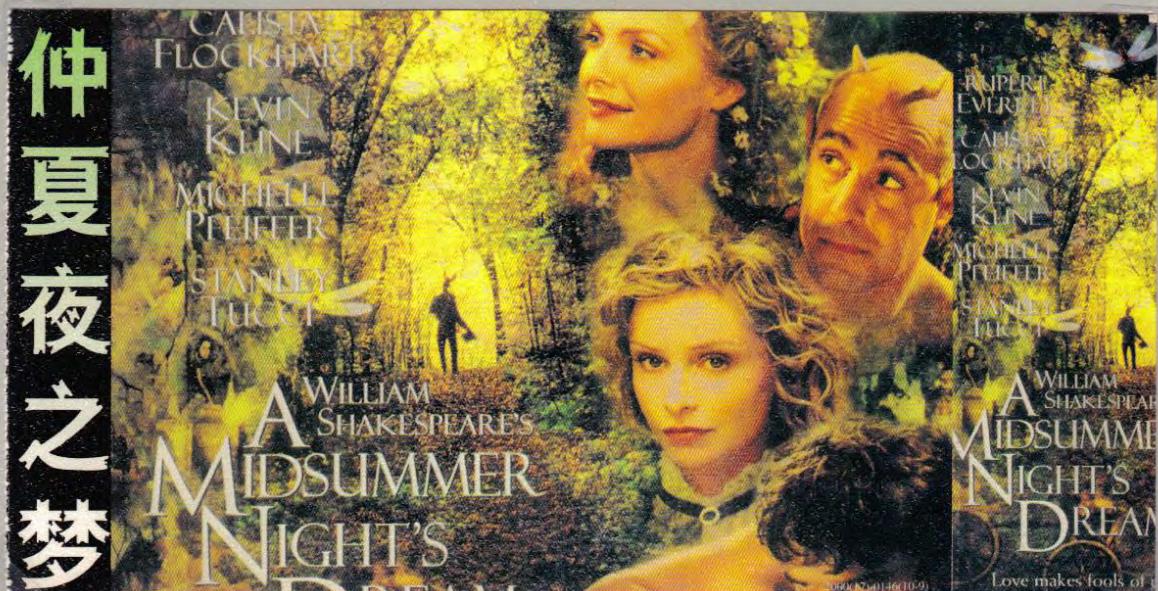
DOCTOR WHO

THE SHAKESPEARE CODE



Shakespeare is for everyone. Even the kids can get involved with fun at the movies in cartoons and Imax.

Disney Stamps  
Chinese Postal Card Mid-  
summer Night's Dream



# Shakespeare Remembered

## Art

Art reflects life. Whether Shakespeare is depicted as a caricature for a "Cinderella" label or his work is drawn on a stamp as a vignette in a classical painting, his fame is no less fleeting.

1972 Czech Art Stamp depicting Midsummer Night theme



The great monuments of Paris function as a backdrop for the timeless love of Romeo and Juliet appear floating through the sky. The lovers appear again encircled by the light of the moon in the upper right-hand corner, possibly symbolizing their eternal unity and undying love.



BHUTAN ROMEO & JULIET 25NU  
100TH ANNIVERSARY • CHAGALL

Bhutan Souvenir sheet

Shakespeare caricature on a "Cinderella" with reference to Shylock from "Merchant of Venice."



The Polish Hamlet by Jacek Malczewski is an allegorical painting suggesting that Polish leadership has different forces pulling at its decisions to move Poland into the 21st century. The plight is similar to that of Hamlet according to the artist, Jacek Malczewski



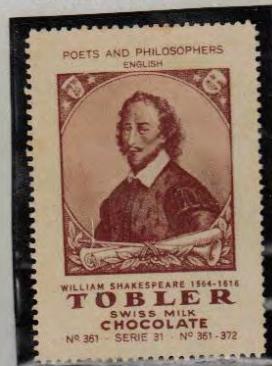
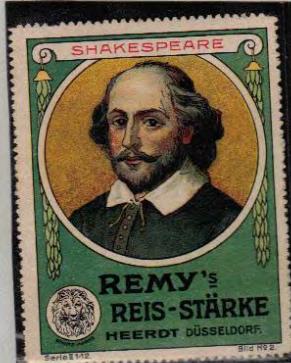
Poland 1969 Issue

# Remembered

## Art Cinderellas

The literary reference to Cinderella should not be ignored. Like the fairy tale character Cinderella, who was not invited to the Ball, "Cinderella stamps" are not invited to be exhibited at stamp shows. However, Shakespeare "cinderellas" since the first stamps were printed, have garnered recognition for their fund raising, publicity, and political nature.

### ADVERTISING



### FUND RAISING



### POSTER

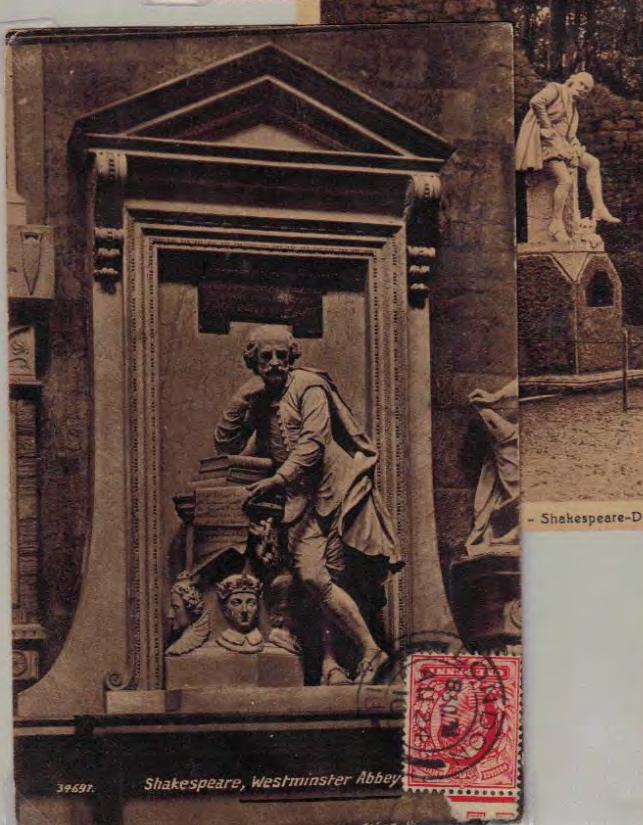
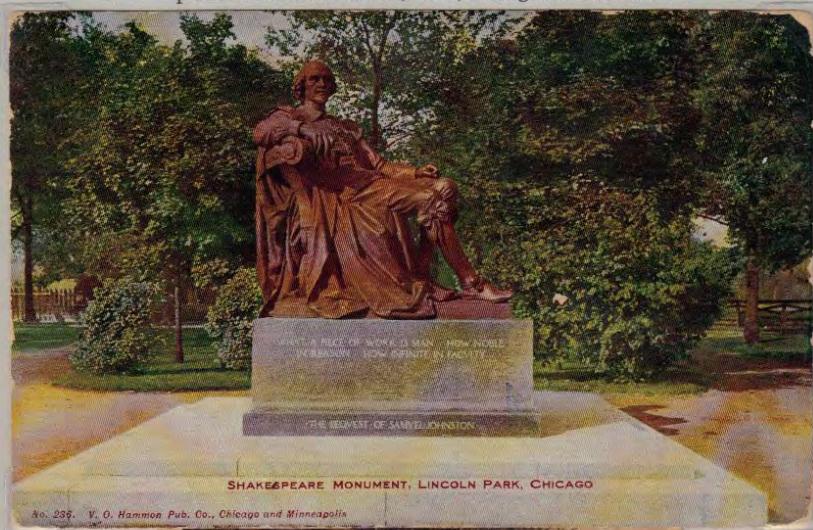


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# Remembered

## Art Statues

In the play Winter's Tale, Shakespeare transforms a marble statue into a real character. Many have tried to do the same for Shakespeare. There is rarely a public garden, park or museum that does not have a statue of Shakespeare for all to admire. Depicted are postcards from Denmark, Paris, Chicago, and London



# Shakespeare Remembered

## Festivals

Annual festivals world wide keep Shakespeare's words and plays alive. The American Shakespeare Festival Theater in Stratford, Connecticut and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival are in the U.S. The Stratford Festival in Ontario and the Stratford Festival at Stratford-on-Avon share Commonwealth honors. The Romanian Festival in Craiova and the Berlin Festival in Germany are popular European venues.



TEATRUL NATIONAL  
"MARIN SORESCU" - CRAIOVA  
**FESTIVALUL INTERNAȚIONAL SHAKESPEARE**  
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25 aprilie - 3 mai      28 aprilie - 14 mai

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FUNDATA W. SHAKESPEARE  
Craiova



"All the world's a stage."  
— Shakespeare



OREGON SHAKESPEAREAN FESTIVAL  
ASHLAND, OREGON

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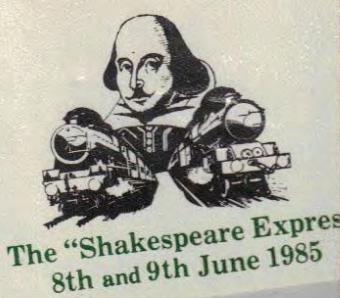
# Shakespeare Remembered

## Namesakes

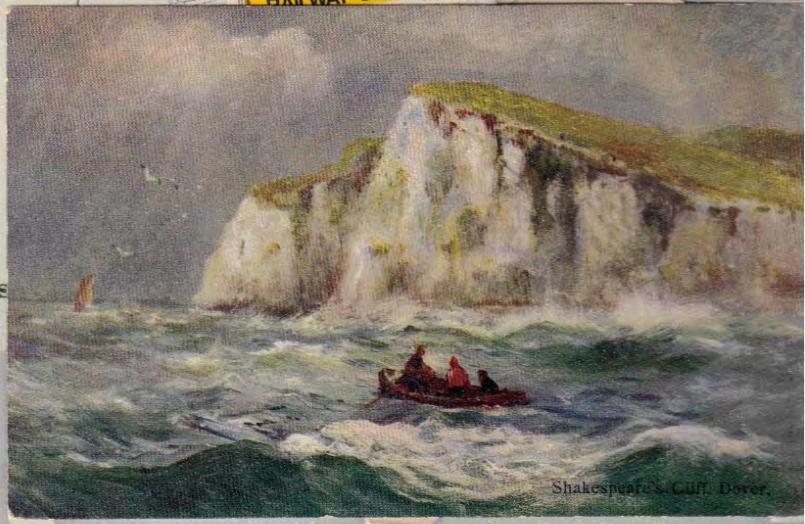
From Shakespeare fishing rods to fishing near the Cliffs of Shakespeare; from traveling on The Shakespeare Express train to sitting on a front porch in Shakespeare, Ontario; the Shakespeare name will always garner attention.



## BIRMINGHAM RAILWAY MUSEUM



The "Shakespeare Express  
8th and 9th June 1985



Shakespeare's Cliff, Dover.

# Remembered

## Namesakes Postal Cancels

Yet another form of recognition for Shakespeare is the use of postal cancels to recall his memory and influence on society today.



Rare Pitney-Bowes Shakespeare and Globe Theater cancel

MR. W. F. ALDERTON  
32 BEDFORD RD  
HARROW,  
MIDDX.

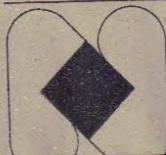
Unique portrait caricatures  
From Brazil, China and  
Yorkshire, England

Hamlet, N.Y. cancel

# Remembered

Namesakes  
Commercial Cancels

As Shakespeare celebrates over 400 years of notoriety, it goes without saying that his name is good for business. One might say that using his name is as good as gold.



STADT NEUSS

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Dear Doctor:

During this 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shakespeare's birth, theatre classics are being the world around. In however, a classic of the century is starring: PENT (Thibertal). Decades of have confirmed this a anesthetic in its role as an of choice. Its versatile can even critical accolade own hospital. Abb



23 ABRIL 1564  
NACE WILLIAM  
SHAKESPEARE



William  
Shakespeare



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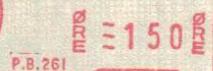
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THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE AND RIVER

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON



DANMARK  
KGL. POST



All that glitters is not  
gold;  
Often you have heard  
that told:

Merchant of Venice

HASE

# Shakespeare - A Man for all Time

William Shakespeare continues to influence the world of literature and art today as much or more than he did in his own times. Modern technologies have promoted his literary presence in every corner of the world.

Twenty pounds with  
Shakespeare watermark

2009 Spanish Stamp

Australia cover and  
stamp with Shakespeare  
and John Lennon



There Shakespeare, on whose forehead climb  
The crowns o' the world; oh, eyes sublime  
With tears and laughter for all time!

Elizabeth Barrett Browning



## Artistic Appreciation

Britain and Australia share a great  
love and appreciation of the arts



# A Man for all Time

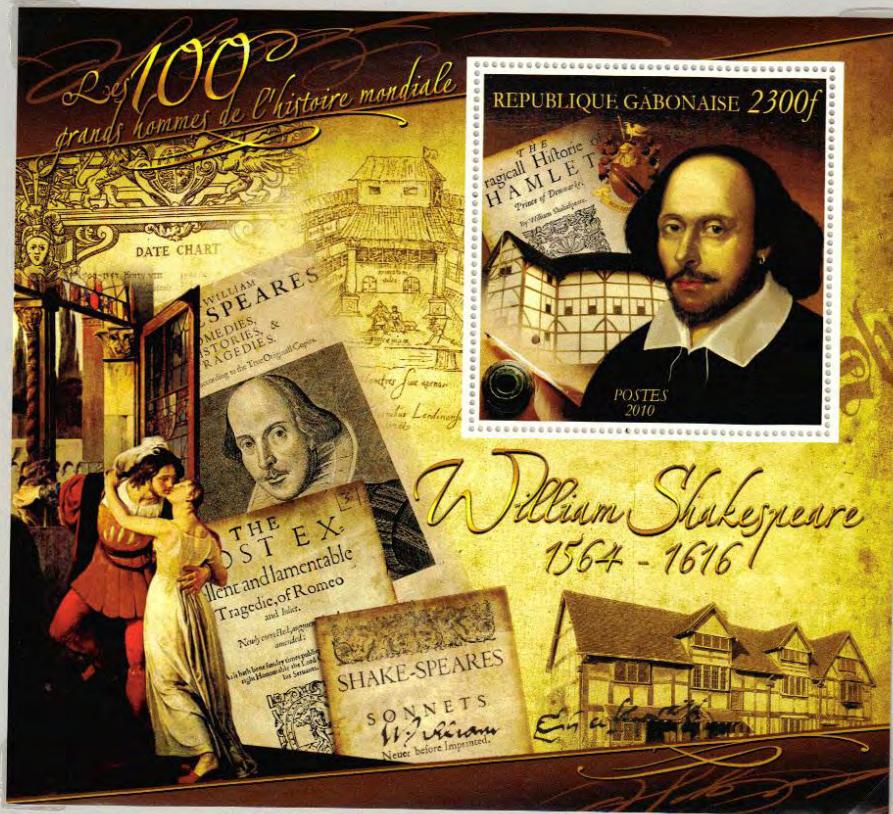
New Millennium



# A Man for all Time

450th Anniversary

This year 2014 will mark the 450th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth. New generations of people will learn of his contributions to the world's culture. Perhaps as in Chicago people will "Speak Shakespeare for a Day". In any case Shakespeare's writings will not be lost to uninterested ears. He said it best " Friends, Romans, and countrymen, lend me your ears". Take heed and listen to William Shakespeare, a man for all time.



## Project Inspirations:

Albert Spenser, [The Philatelic Shakespeare](#)

Harrold C. Shiffler, [William Shakespeare, A Philatelic Checklist and Commentary](#)

Jeff Dugdale, [Shakespeare on Stamps](#)