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**ENZIAN AND ORLANDO SHAKESPEARE THEATRE PARTNER TO CELEBRATE SHAKESPEARE CLASSICS**

**Orlando, FL** – (August 3, 2016) – Enzian and the Orlando Shakespeare Theatre have partnered together to celebrate the life and work of William Shakespeare this Fall. In honor of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shakespeare’s death, three Shakespeare productions will be shown on Enzian’s big screen: Branagh Theatre’s *Romeo and Juliet*, starring Richard Madden (*Game of Thrones*) and Lily James (*Downton Abbey*); Julie Taymor’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*; and Almeida Theatre’s *Richard III*, starring Ralph Fiennes and Vanessa Redgrave.

Individual tickets to each screening are available for purchase, as well as a [Season Pass](#), which allows patrons to see all three productions at a discount and includes one free glass of house wine at each show.

**WHAT: [Branagh Theatre Live: ROMEO AND JULIET](#)**

**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 11AM**

The Kenneth Branagh Theatre Company Live cinema season continues with a new vision of Shakespeare’s heartbreaking tale of forbidden love. Branagh and his creative team present a modern passionate version of the classic tragedy.

A longstanding feud between Verona’s Montague and Capulet families brings about devastating consequences for two young lovers caught in the conflict.

Kenneth Branagh co-directs with Rob Ashford, reuniting with the stars of his celebrated film of *Cinderella*, Richard Madden (*Game of Thrones*) and Lily James (*Downton Abbey*), as Romeo and Juliet. Also featuring Sir Derek Jacobi as Mercutio and Meera Syal as The Nurse.

**[Special Programs: Julie Taymor’s A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM](#)**

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 11AM**

Of all Shakespeare’s plays, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* is the most phantasmagorical, with fairies, spells and hallucinatory lovers. Julie Taymor turns out a production that’s visually breathtaking, funny, sexy and darkly poetic. With cinematography by Rodrigo Prieto (*Argo*, *Frida*) and music by Academy Award®-winning composer Elliot Goldenthal, this immersive, inventive cinematic experience was filmed during Taymor’s highly acclaimed inaugural stage production of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. The feats of

visual imagination are ingenious and plentiful, but beating at the center of the film is an emotionally moving take on the deeper human aspects of this beloved tale.

**[Almeida Live: RICHARD III](#)**

**Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 11AM**

The Almeida Theatre makes its live screening debut with an explosive new adaptation of *Richard III*, directed by Almeida Artistic Director Rupert Goold with Ralph Fiennes as Shakespeare's most notorious villain and Vanessa Redgrave as Queen Margaret.

War-torn England is reeling after years of bitter conflict. King Edward is ailing, and as political unrest begins to stir once more, Edward's brother Richard – vicious in war, despised in peacetime – awaits the opportunity to seize his brother's crown.

Through the malevolent Richard, Shakespeare examines the all-consuming nature of the desire for power amid a society riddled by conflict. Olivier-winning director Rupert Goold's (*Macbeth*, *King Charles III*) searing new production hones a microscopic focus on the mythology surrounding a monarch whose machinations are inextricably woven into the fabric of British history.

Cast includes: David Annen, Joseph Arkley, Tom Canton, Daniel Cerquiera, Simon Coates, Susan Engel, Ralph Fiennes, James Garnon, Mark Hadfield, Scott Handy, Finbar Lynch, Aislín McGuckin, Joseph Mydell, Vanessa Redgrave, Joshua Riley, Joanna Vanderham

**TICKETS:**      **Individual Performances: \$20 or \$17.50 for Enzian Members**  
**Season Pass to all three performances: [\\$49.50](#)**  
**No Table Reservations can be made for these events.**

**WHERE:**      **Enzian Theater**, 1300 South Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751

**INFO:**      Enzian is Central Florida's only full-time, not-for-profit cinema for first-run independent and international film, classic revivals, documentary features, and select family entertainment. Enzian, a member-supported organization serving the community for more than 31 years, is home to the Florida Film Festival and Eden Bar. For additional information, visit [Enzian.org](http://Enzian.org) or call general information at (407) 629-1088.

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