



These photographs by Julie Ainsworth (black-and-white) and Vivian Ronay (color) capture key moments of the 1996 Gielgud festivities. (1) Senator Alan Simpson opens the proceedings with a recitation from Shakespeare. (2) Edward Gero, Brian Bedford, and Kelly McGillis read from an eloquent script that had been prepared by director James Roose-Evans, who also arranged for a video message from (3) Sir John Gielgud, conveying hearty congratulations to the first dramatic artist to be honored in his name. (4) Sir Ian expresses his delight, tells several anecdotes, and delivers a stirring speech from the title character in a manuscript play about Sir Thomas More. (5) Sir Ian chats with Lynn Redgrave, another participant in the program. (6) The Guild's John Andrews and Jan Denton thank philanthropists Winton and Carolyn Blount for chairing the gala. (7) The evening concludes with a candlelight dinner in the Folger reading room.