



## The Shakespeare Guild's GIELGUD AWARD for 2019 Pays Tribute to Producer CAMERON MACKINTOSH

We're pleased to note that this year's *GIELGUD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE DRAMATIC ARTS* salutes producer **SIR CAMERON MACKINTOSH**. As usual our festivities occurred in conjunction with the *UK THEATRE AWARDS LUNCHEON*, which took place at London's **GUILDHALL** on Sunday, **October the 27th**. But in order to commemorate the **25th anniversary** of a milestone that dates from **November 2, 1994** (the renaming of a venue that had been known as the **GLOBE** when Sir John performed there), this year's ceremony occurred on **Monday the 28th** at the historic **GIELGUD THEATRE** on Shaftesbury Avenue, with **Sir Richard Eyre** bestowing our **2019** trophy.

Our 2019 *GIELGUD* laureate has been described by the *New York Times* as "the most successful, influential, and powerful theatrical producer in the world." Knighted in 1996 for his unparalleled ability to nurture dramatic and musical talent and enchant audiences around the globe, **SIR CAMERON** is internationally renowned for such phenomenal classics as *Cats*, *Les Misérables*, *Mary Poppins*, *Miss Saigon*, *Oliver!*, and *The Phantom of the Opera*. As Chairman of **DELFONT MACKINTOSH THEATRES**, Sir Cameron also presides over such venerable settings as the **GIELGUD**, the **NOËL COWARD**, the **NOVELLO**, the **PRINCE EDWARD**, the **PRINCE OF WALES**, the **SONDHEIM**, the **VICTORIA PALACE**, and **WYNDHAM'S**, all of which have been tastefully refurbished as shrines to London's unique heritage in the performing arts. Meanwhile, through the **MACKINTOSH FOUNDATION**, Sir Cameron and his fellow Trustees provide generous support not only for a wide range of cultural endeavors, but for health care, environmental initiatives, and other worthy causes.



This was the **GUILD's** second event at the **GIELGUD** and its eighth in London. In 2000, following a **BAFTA** preview of his *Love's Labour's Lost*, the **GUILD** honored **Kenneth Branagh** with a *GIELGUD AWARD* at **MIDDLE TEMPLE HALL**. In 2004 we joined **RADA** and the **RSC** for a *GIELGUD CENTENARY GALA* at the **GIELGUD THEATRE**, where **BBC** host **Ned Sherrin** joined **Alan Bennett**, **Dame Judi Dench**, **Clive Francis**, **Sir Peter Hall**, **Sir David Hare**, **Rosemary Harris**, **Barbara Jefford**, **Barbara Leigh Hunt**, **Sir Ian McKellen**, **Michael Pennington**, **Ian Richardson**, **Paul Scofield**, and **Sir Donald Sinden** in a tribute to Sir John. In 2014 we bestowed a posthumous award on **Sir Donald** during our first presentation at the **GUILDHALL**, with his son **Marc Sinden** accepting our Gielgud-inscribed **Clive Francis** trophy on behalf of the family. In 2015 we returned to the **GUILDHALL** to salute **Dame Eileen Atkins**, with **Sir Patrick Stewart** presenting the laurel. In 2016 we honored **Vanessa Redgrave**, with director **Rupert Goold** bestowing that year's *GIELGUD*. In 2017 actor **Freddie Fox** saluted playwright **Sir David Hare**. And in 2018 our inaugural *GIELGUD* recipient, **Sir Ian McKellen**, who'd been lauded in 1996 at the **FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY** in Washington, paid homage to director **Sir Richard Eyre**. Other awardees include **F. Murray Abraham**, **Zoe Caldwell**, **Dame Judi Dench**, **Sir Derek Jacobi**, **Michael Kahn**, **Kevin Kline**, **Christopher Plummer**, **Lynn Redgrave**, and **Sir Patrick Stewart**. For more details, visit [www.shakesguild.org](http://www.shakesguild.org).