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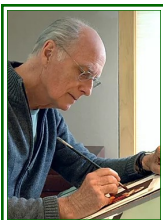
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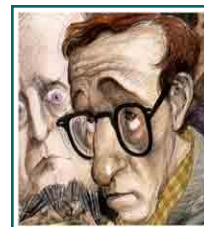
## JAMES McMULLAN AND EDWARD SOREL ♦ Wednesday, February 26

You'll want to be on hand for a special gathering with two of today's most distinguished visual artists. **JAMES McMULLAN** is best known to most of us for his stunning theater posters, among them the one below for a Lincoln Center production of *King Lear* that was directed by **Jonathan Miller**, with **Kevin Kline** in the title role.

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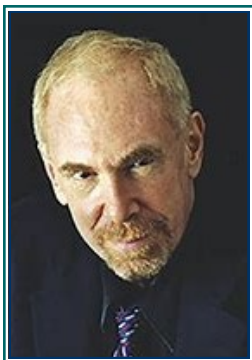


But he is equally renowned for the covers he's produced for *Esquire*, *New York*, and other magazines, for his murals and figure drawings, and for the delightful children's books he's done with his wife Kate.



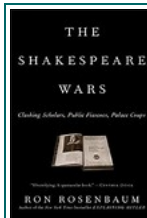
**EDWARD SOREL** is celebrated for his

book jackets, illustrations, posters, and inimitable caricatures. He has produced more than forty covers for *The New Yorker*, and his art has also adorned *Fortune*, *Harpers*, *The Atlantic*, *The Nation*, and *The New York Times Magazine*. In 1998 the *National Portrait Gallery* in Washington devoted several rooms to a comprehensive exhibition of his work.



## RON ROSENBAUM ♦ Monday, March 23

Most widely known for *Explaining Hitler*, a 1998 best-seller that has been translated into ten languages, **RON ROSENBAUM** is also the author of *The Secret Parts of Fortune*, *Those Who Forget the Past*, and *How the End Begins: The Road to a Nuclear World War III*. His articles have appeared in *Esquire*, *Harper's*, *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *Slate*, *Smithsonian*, *The Village Voice*, and other periodicals. But what will be of most interest to **GUILD** constituents is *The Shakespeare Wars*, a 2006 volume about key issues in the interpretation and presentation of the playwright's dramatic canon. It focuses on directors such as **Peter Brook** and **Peter Hall** and critics such as **Harold**



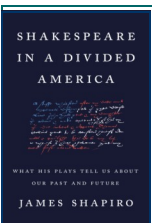
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**Bloom** and **Stephen Booth**, and it devotes one chapter to "Original Spelling," a discussion that includes comments from linguist **Jesse Sheidlower** and focuses on **John Andrews** and his efforts to shed old light on the initial printings of the playwright's classics.

## JAMES SHAPIRO ♦ Wednesday, April 22

It will be a special treat to celebrate Shakespeare's 455th birthday with a **Columbia University** professor who has given us such acclaimed books as *Shakespeare and the Jews* (1996), *1599: A Year in the Life of William Shakespeare* (2005), and *Contested Will: Who Wrote Shakespeare?* (2010). **JAMES SHAPIRO** is one of today's most influential scholars, with appearances on **Charlie Rose** and other TV and radio programs, and with articles and reviews in such periodicals as the *New York Times* and the *New York Review of Books*. In 2012 he hosted a BBC documentary, *The King and the Playwright*, and in 2014 he published *Shakespeare in America*, a popular

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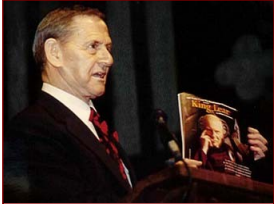
**LIBRARY OF AMERICA** anthology that prepared the way for his latest volume, *Shakespeare in a Divided America*, which will be available for purchase and inscription following what promises to be a wide-ranging, timely, and unusually resonant dialogue.



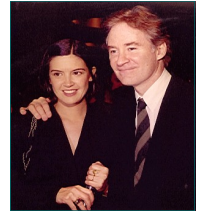
# Support the Guild, & Help the Arts EVENTS IN NEW YORK, LONDON, DC, AND SANTA FE

Founded in 1987, **THE SHAKESPEARE GUILD** is now in its fourth decade. Since 1994 it has been known primarily for its **GIELGUD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE DRAMATIC ARTS**, a trophy created with the warm endorsement of **Sir John**, and one that has been presented in such venues as the **Folger Shakespeare Library** and the **British Embassy** in Washington; the **Barrymore Theatre**, **Lincoln Center**, and the **National Arts Club** in New York; and **Middle Temple Hall** and the **Guildhall** in London. **GIELGUD**-related activities have also occurred in a number of other settings, among them **BAFTA's Princess Anne Auditorium** and the **Gielgud Theatre** in the West End.

Award recipients - **F. Murray Abraham**, **Dame Eileen Atkins**, **Sir Kenneth Branagh**, **Zoe Caldwell**, **Dame Judi Dench**, **Sir Richard Eyre**, **Sir David Hare**, **Sir Derek Jacobi**, **Michael Kahn**, **Kevin Kline**, **Sir Ian McKellen**, **Sir Cameron Mackintosh**, **Christopher Plummer**, **Lynn Redgrave**, **Vanessa Redgrave**, **Sir Donald Sinden**, and **Sir Patrick Stewart** - have often served as presenters in festivities that recognize their esteemed colleagues. Other notables who've participated in these events include **Emanuel Ax**,



**Alan Bennett**, **Keith Baxter**, **Brian Bedford**, **Samantha Bond**, **Richard Briers**, **Helena Bonham Carter**, **Richard Clifford**, **John Cleese**, **Patrick Doyle**, **Rebecca Eaton**, **Ben Elton**, **Clive Francis**, **Stephen Fry**, **Bernard Gersten**, **Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, **Rupert Goold**, **Joel Grey**, **Whoopi Goldberg**, **Sir Peter Hall**, **Rosemary Harris**, **Kitty Carlisle Hart**, **Hal Holbrook**, **Bob Hoskins**, **Tom Hulce**, **Dana Ivey**, **Martin Jarvis**, **Barbara Jefford**, **David Jones**, **Barbara Leigh-Hunt**, **Robert MacNeil**, **Audra McDonald**, **Geraldine McEwan**, **Michael Pennington**, **Ronald Pickup**, **George Pimpton**, **Tony Randall**, **Ian Richardson**, **Paul Scofield**, **Ned Sherrin**, **Timothy Spall**, **Toby Stephens**, and **Jerry Stiller**.

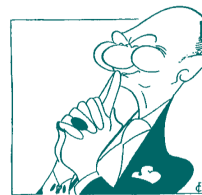


Since 1998 the **GUILD** has also produced **SPEAKING OF SHAKESPEARE**, a conversation series that debuted at the **National Press Club** in Washington and has enriched audiences in a variety of other locales, among them the **Cosmos Club**, **Ford's Theatre**, the **Shakespeare Theatre Company**, and the **University Club** in DC, the **Chicago Shakespeare Theatre** in the Windy City, and the **Algonquin Hotel**, **The Players**, the **Princeton Club**, and the **Schimmel Center** in Manhattan. Guests have included actors **Jane Alexander**, **Simon Russell Beale**, **Richard Easton**, **Henry Goodman**, **Stacy Keach**, **Michael Learned**, **Dakin Matthews**, **Roger Rees**, **Prunella Scales**, **Liev Schreiber**, **Marian Seldes**, **Jean Stapleton**, **Janet Suzman**, **John Douglas Thompson**, **Timothy West**, and **Michael York**; directors **Bill Alexander**, **Peter Brook**, **Robert Brustein**, **Karin Coonrod**, **Barry Edelstein**, **Barbara Gaines**, **Margot Harley**, **Jeffrey Horowitz**, **Tina Packer**, **Molly Smith**, **Julie Taymor**, and **Robert Whitehead**; playwrights **Edward Albee**, **Michael Frayn**, **Ken Ludwig**, and **Sir Peter Shaffer**; and writers **Norman Augustine**, **E.R. Braithwaite**, **Michael Dirda**, **Sir Harold Evans**, **Flora Fraser**, **Marjorie Garber**, **Adam Gopnik**, **Stephen Greenblatt**, **Anthony Hecht**, **Peter Holland**, **Peter Kyle**, **John Lahr**, **Peter Marks**, **John Miller**, **Judith Martin**, **Mark Olshaker**, **Bill Press**, **Cokie Roberts**, **Neil Rudenstine**, **Deborah Tannen**, **Stanley Wells**, **Linda Wertheimer**, and **Garry Wills**.



For detail about these and other **GUILD** offerings, including presentations in the Land of Enchantment that have taken place at the **Lensic Performing Arts Center**, the **New Mexico Museum of Art**, **San Miguel Church**, the **Santa Fe Botanical Garden**, and elsewhere, we hope you'll visit [www.shakesguild.org](http://www.shakesguild.org) and click on the blue links that guide you through our rich and eventful history of cultural and educational programming. We also invite you to visit our **Membership and Reservations** page and become more deeply involved in our endeavors. **By design, most of our attractions are admission-free; but of course that does not mean they're cost-free.** Like the schools, colleges, libraries, museums, public radio and TV stations, and other nonprofit institutions that we all help with membership dues and donations, the **GUILD** is in constant need of support from those who cherish its efforts to preserve and enhance a unique artistic and intellectual heritage. We urge you to bear in mind, too, that any contributions that are not offset by benefits received are fully tax-deductible.

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