

## SAMPLE DAY PROGRAMME (XX in the group)

This is a timetable of events for which arrangements have been made by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. All classes will take place at the Shakespeare Centre, Henley Street, Stratford-upon-Avon. All classes last approximately one hour unless listed otherwise.

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[SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY, THE SESSIONS LISTED BELOW CAN BE BOOKED IN ANY ORDER]

**Welcome and introduction with Dr Nick Walton [15 minutes]**

**Coffee/tea break [30 minutes]**

**'Trust Treasures' talk and archive display [1 hour]**

*Based on the unique holdings of the world-renowned library, archive and museum collections of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. See up-close some of the rare and beautiful items relating to Shakespeare and his life in Stratford-upon-Avon, including items not normally seen except in exhibitions. Look at books he used as sources for his plays, early modern museum items and maps, and explore theatre ephemera from the 18th Century to the present day, including items from the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre and the RSC. This is a one hour session usually hosted by two members of the Collections Team.*

**Visit to Shakespeare's Birthplace and the 'Famous Beyond Words' Exhibition [approx. 1 hour]**

*Explore how Shakespeare has been enjoyed and interpreted through the centuries in the 'Famous Beyond Words' exhibition. Then venture into the house where William Shakespeare was born and grew up. Shakespeare's Birthplace has been welcoming visitors for over 250 years. Shakespeare also spent the first five years of married life in this house with his new wife, Anne Hathaway. Follow in the footsteps of not only Shakespeare, but other well-known visitors such as Charles Dickens, John Keats, Walter Scott and Thomas Hardy.*

**Lunch** - own arrangements or alternatively with advance notice and subject to availability, we are happy to arrange a soup/sandwich lunch or an afternoon tea for your group in one of our restaurants or cafes located at the Shakespeare houses

**Pre-performance lecture on the play being seen that evening [1 hour]**

*Pre-performance lectures prepare groups to get the most out of seeing a play on stage. The lectures explore some of the challenges and theatrical opportunities presented by Shakespeare's texts, and groups are encouraged to look out for interpretive moments in a production. The talks also set up ideas and issues to be discussed in the group post-performance discussion.*

**Visit to a second Shakespeare family home, or we offer a number of specialist talks**

### **SPECIALIST TALKS WITH EXPERIENCED LECTURERS**

#### **SBT Performance History Lecture**

An illustrated lecture drawing on our extensive archive of images covering the performance history of any of Shakespeare's plays. From original staging through 18th, 19th and 20th century productions. Please indicate choice of play at the time of booking.

#### **SBT Shakespeare's Stages Talk**

This illustrated session considers the variation of stages on which Shakespeare's plays have been performed. From the stages available to Shakespeare in early modern England we trace the development of staging through to the present day.

#### **SBT Sonnet Class**

A seminar offering a close reading of one or two of Shakespeare's sonnets, explore interpretation and experiment with reading aloud.

#### **Lectures with Dr Nick Walton**

Nick Walton oversees the residential courses at The Shakespeare Centre and as an experienced lecturer regularly contributes to all of our courses.

In addition to performance histories on any of Shakespeare's plays, Nick can also provide more specialist talks as follows:

- "Not of an age, but for all time": Shakespeare's Legacy
- Shakespeare Societies: "Put a girdle round about the earth"
- Brand Shakespeare: Commodification and Commercialisation
- Shakespeare in Performance: Alternative Interpretations
- Shakespeare and Kingship
- Love in Shakespeare
- Who is Shakespeare? What is he?: Shakespeare Today

#### **Lectures with Dr Anjna Chouhan**

Anjna Chouhan is a Lecturer in Shakespeare Studies at The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and regularly speaks to both student and adult groups as part of our residential courses here at the Shakespeare Centre. In addition, she can offer special interest talks covering the following topics:

- An Introduction to Shakespeare and the Victorians
- The Acquisition of Shakespeare's Birthplace
- Shakespeare in the Victorian Theatre
- 19th Century *Much Ados*
- Henry Irving as a Shakespearian
- Shakespeare and the Victorian Anti-Catholics
- Shakespeare and Early Modern Theatre Audiences

### **Lectures with Lisa Peter**

Lisa Peter is International Lecturer in Shakespeare Studies at The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, looking after non-English speaking international groups and specialising in Shakespeare reception around the world. Choose from one of her specialist talks on the following topics:

- Shakespeare in Translation
- Shakespeare and Popular Reception Abroad
- Shakespeare in the Language Classroom
- Shakespeare and the Literary Heritage Industry.

### **Lectures with Rev. Dr Paul Edmondson**

Paul Edmondson is Head of Research and Knowledge at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. Choose from:

- Shakespeare in Performance
- Introduction to Shakespeare's sonnets
- Shakespeare and Spirituality
- Shakespeare and Venice.

### **Lectures with Professor Sir Stanley Wells**

Sir Stanley Wells is one of the world's leading Shakespearian scholar as well as a former Chairman and now Honorary President of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. Stanley's lectures are insightful and expertly delivered. He speaks on a range of topics many of which reflect his publications. Choose from:

- 'What Makes a Great Shakespeare Actor?'
- The Genius of Shakespeare
- Shakespeare's Dramatic Language
- Shakespeare, Man of the European Renaissance
- Shakespeare's Fellows
- Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe
- Shakespeare and London

### **Lectures with Roger Pringle**

Now retired, Roger Pringle was the director of The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust for many years. An academic with a passion for the Shakespeare's heritage and cultural legacy. Roger's lectures are impeccably researched and showcase years of personal interest and experience. Choose from:

- Americans and Stratford-On-Avon
- William Shakespeare and Stratford

**More details on any of the specialist talks listed in this section are available on request.**