

What's Going On?

Prologue: Antony and Cleopatra

Upon hearing tragic news, Cleopatra calls her maids to action.

Comedies

"I am the man": The Merchant of Venice, Twelfth Night, As You Like It, Two Gentlemen of Verona

Portia sets out to rescue her husband's friend from certain death. Viola is shipwrecked on a strange shore. Rosalind has been banished from her uncle's court. And Julia wants to reunite with her love. Each of them comes up with a plan.

Much Ado About Nothing

Beatrice and Benedick can only ever agree on one thing - that the other is quite annoying.

A Midsummers Night's Dream

Hermia flees into the woods with her beloved Lysander. Her friend Helena pursues for the love of Demetrius who loves Hermia. Separated from the men, the women meet.

All's Well That Ends Well

Forced into marriage, Bertram runs away and courts Diana, unaware that she plots to reunite him with his wife.

The Taming of the Shrew

Attracted to Katharina's large dowry and undeterred by her notorious ill temper, Petruchio is determined to make her his wife.

Much Ado About Nothing

The sharp-tongued couple's friends conspire to get them together by telling each that the other loves them.

"Weird Women": Macbeth, The Tempest, A Midsummer Night's Dream

The supernatural forces are out to cast a spell - on you!

Intermission

Histories

Henry V

Henry V invades France. Princess Katherine thinks it wise to learn English.

Henry VI Part 1

After Henry V's death, the conquered France rebels. Joan has won several battles for France, but the tides turn. Joan calls upon spirits for advice.

“Why are you thus alone?”: Julius Caesar, Henry IV Part 1

Hotspur is planning rebellion against king Henry IV. Brutus is conspiring to kill Caesar. Their wives can tell something is wrong.

Henry VIII

The court fills with rumors of King Henry VIII divorcing his wife Catherine. The queen's gentlewoman Anne Bullen does not envy her.

Richard III

The Yorks killed Henry VI and his son to put Edward IV on the throne, to much grief of Henry's widow Margaret. Edward's brother Richard disposed of their brother Clarence and then of Edward himself. Edward's widow Elizabeth and the brothers' mother Duchess of York mourn.

Tragedies

***“The Lovers”:* Romeo and Juliet, Troilus and Cressida**

Romeo and Juliet's first meeting is flirtatious, but Cressida, much as she loves Troilus, fears he's only in it for the chase.

Macbeth

The witches foretold that Macbeth will be king. Macbeth has doubts that killing King Duncan is the best course of action. His wife has none.

King Lear

The king decides to divide his kingdom amongst his three daughters. But first, he puts them to the test, asking each how much she loves him.

Hamlet

Ophelia has been driven mad by the death of her father at Hamlet's hand. Hamlet's mother Gertrude and his friend Horatio worry.

Romeo and Juliet

Juliet, secretly married to Romeo, is distraught that her husband is exiled for killing her kinsman. Her parents think it best for Juliet to safely wed Paris, and soon.

Othello

Accused by Othello of unfaithfulness, Desdemona tried to defend herself, but he stormed out, ordering her to wait for him in bed.

Epilogue: As You Like It

Rosalind ponders the value of epilogues.