



# RICH ARD III

Writer  
William Shakespeare

SHAKESPEARE'S  
GLOBE

## VISUAL STORY

To help prepare you for your  
visit to Shakespeare's Globe

Relaxed Performance  
Thursday 16 January 2020, 7.30pm

## GETTING TO THE THEATRE

This is the Foyer. If you need somewhere quiet at any time you can come back out of the Playhouse into the Foyer.



Your ticket will tell you which gallery, bay and row you are in. Once you have found your row you will need to find the part of the bench reserved for you which will match the number on your ticket.





This is the stage. For different plays, designers add pieces of set to make it look different.

These are stewards. You can recognise the stewards by their aprons. The stewards are there to help you. If you feel tired, or need to exit please ask a steward. They can also show you where the toilets are. Stewards are good people to go to if you feel worried about anything in the show.





## THE CHARACTERS OF THE PLAY



This is **Richard**.



This is **Duchess**.



This is **Elizabeth**.



This is **Margaret**.



This is **Anne**.



This is **Buckingham**.



This is **Stanley**.



This is **Ratcliffe**.



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This is **Mayor**.



This is **Rivers**.

## SHOW NOTES

These are notes of things that may happen during the show, or that you may want to think about for your visit.

- The theatre has an average temperature of 19°.
- There is music throughout the production.
- There is dirt on the stage from the beginning of the play.
- The character of Richard III is menacing and threatening.
- Ratcliffe uses a plastic bag to pretend to suffocate one of the other characters. This is pretend, and should not be copied at all.
- The murderers also pretend to suffocate Clarence. This should not be copied at all.
- Fake blood is used on stage.
- The following violence takes place. It is all pretend fighting and no one is hurt.
  - Anne starts to suffocate Richard but then stops.
  - Ratcliffe suffocates Grey with a plastic bag.
  - Ratcliffe stabs Rivers in the neck with a pair of scissors.
  - Hastings has his face pushed into the soil and suffocates to death.
  - Buckingham has his neck bitten by Richard and dies.
  - Plastic floor tarp is gathered up and pressed down onto Richard who seemingly suffocates.

## THE PLAY

This is a detailed description of the events in the play

There has been a war between two great families. These were the family of York and the family of Lancaster. Edward IV became king after the war. Richard is the Duke of Gloucester. He spreads rumours that mean his older brother, Clarence is arrested.

Lady Anne was the daughter-in-law of Henry VI. Henry VI was murdered by Richard. Richard also murdered Anne's husband, Edward. Richard charms Anne. He hopes she will marry him.

Queen Elizabeth is worried because the king is ill. She does not want Richard to be king. Richard blames Elizabeth for the fact that Clarence was arrested. As they argue, Queen Margaret arrives. Margaret curses all of the people involved in the war. The worst curse she gives to Richard.

Richard tells two murderers to kill Clarence whilst he is in prison.

King Edward tries to make peace among everyone. When the news that Clarence has been killed arrived, everyone knows they cannot trust each other. King Edward dies. Queen Elizabeth is worried about the safety of the young princes. Elizabeth asks that the boys are brought to London. The oldest prince is to be crowned king. Richard and the Duke of Buckingham tell the princes they will stay in the Tower of London.



Just as Margaret had said in her curses two men are executed. Their names are Rivers and Grey.

Richard believes he should be king now. Hastings disagrees. Richard accuses Hastings of trying to murder him. Hastings is sent away to be executed.

Richard pretends he does not want to be king, but eventually agrees to his coronation. Queen Elizabeth and Lady Anne try to visit the princes in the tower, but they are not allowed to enter.

Richard is crowned. News arrives that many nobles are joining forces with Richmond.

The princes are murdered in the tower.

Richard plans to kill Anne so that he can marry young Elizabeth.

Queen Elizabeth and the Duchess of York are sorry for the deaths of the princes. Margaret arrives to boast that she was correct all along. Elizabeth asks Margaret to curse Richard.

Richmond arrives near London with his army.

Richard gathers his own army to face Richmond.

The night before the battle, both Richard and Richmond see the ghosts of the people Richard has murdered. The ghosts wish Richmond luck. The ghosts tell Richard he is cursed to lose the battle.

Richmond wins the battle. Richard is defeated.

## SONIC STORY

