IAN McKELLEN
ACTING SHAKESPEARE

PRESENTED BY
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Ian McKellen won this year's Tony Award for his performance of Salieri in Amadeus. He first acted in New York in the Russian play The Promise in 1967. He was established as a leading classical actor two years later, when his Richard II and Edward II stormed the Edinburgh Festival, toured Britain and Europe, sold out two seasons in London and were televised. In 1971 his Hamlet followed similar progress. He was a founder-member of, and a Drama Desk Award winner with, the Actors' Company which played the Brooklyn Academy of Music in 1974. He then joined the Royal Shakespeare Company and, for the next four seasons at Stratford-upon-Avon and London's Aldwych Theatre, played Romeo, Macbeth, Toby Belch and Leontes and also starred in plays by Brecht, Chekov, Ibsen, Marlowe, Jonson, Shaw, Stoppard and Wedekind. His last appearance in London was in the world premiere of Bent, which won him his third consecutive Best Actor of the Year Award. Mr. McKellen works regularly on British television and has been seen in the United States as Edward II, Macbeth and Tesman in Hedda Gabler. His latest film is Priest of Love, in which he stars as D.H. Lawrence.
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PART I
Jacques - As You Like It
King Henry V
Polonius, Hamlet, First Player - Hamlet
Bully Bottom - A Midsummer Night's Dream
Chorus - Henry V
Duke of Gloucester - Henry VI Part 3
Prince Hal, Sir John Falstaff - Henry V Part 1
Mrs. Quickly - Henry V
Sonnet XX
Romeo and Juliet

PART II
Samuel Pepys
David Garrick
Bernard Shaw
Macbeth
Prospero - The Tempest

Directed by
KIRK BROWNING

Set Design by
RONALD BALDWIN

Costumes by
JANE GREENWOOD

Produced by
ANDREW SUSSKIND

Conceived by Ian McKellen
Original Production Staged by Sean Mathias