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NET and Omaha's Nebraska Shakespeare Present "Shakespeare on the Silverscreen" Feb. 26 at Marcus Midtown Crossing

LINCOLN, Neb. (Feb. 14, 2013) -- As part of NET's year-long exploration and celebration of William Shakespeare, two hour long episodes from the "Shakespeare Uncovered" series will be shown Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m., at Marcus Midtown Cinema, 3201 Farnam St., in Omaha.

The free showings of this "double feature" are part of "Shakespeare on the Silverscreen," and include history and analysis of the playwright's brilliant cross-dressing comedies, "Twelfth Night" and "As You Like It," as well as his dark and powerful tragedy "Macbeth."

Each of the programs are part of Nebraska Shakespeare's "Shakespeare Uncovered," a series of six television episodes in which contemporary actors explore the history and context of the Bard's extraordinary works and stage excerpts at London's Globe Theatre. They combine interviews with actors, directors and scholars, along with visits to key locations and clips from some of the most celebrated film and television adaptations.

During the two comedies, actress Joely Richardson, along with her actress mother Vanessa Redgrave, explores the comic and dramatic potential of female roles written for male actors to play. In "Macbeth," Ethan Hawke describes his quest to play Shakespeare's murderous Thane of Cowdor by researching the true story and real-life events that inspired the play.

As part of "Shakespeare on the Silverscreen," Nebraska Shakespeare will also be screening other programs at Marcus Midtown Cinema. "Twelfth Night; or, What you Will" will be shown Tuesday, March 5, at 6 p.m., and "Titus" can be seen Tuesday, March 12, at 6 p.m. The two March events are \$5 per person.

Following each "On The Silverscreen" film, Nebraska Shakespeare will host a discussion, featuring guest scholar, D. Scott Glasser, Chair of the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Department of Theatre and Instructor for the UNO course, Shakespeare on Film: The Art of Interpretation. Topics will include the film, the history of its production, and the interpretation of Shakespeare's text.

Throughout the year, Nebraska Shakespeare and NET Television and Radio are planning other events that include "Talk Like Shakespeare Day," a sonnet writing contest and performances of Shakespeare plays on NET Radio and at locations across the state. More information about the events are available online at netNebraska.org/shakespeare-uncovered and on NET Television and NET Radio. Information is also available on the Nebraska Shakespeare website at nebraskashakespeare.com.

The six-part "Shakespeare Uncovered" series will be rebroadcast on NET Television's NET1/HD Friday nights at 9 p.m. CT beginning Friday, April 5. In addition to the parts being shown in Omaha, the series includes "Richard II with Derek Jacobi," "Henry IV & Henry V with Jeremy Irons," "Hamlet with David Tennant," and "The Tempest with Trevor Nunn."

“Shakespeare Uncovered” is made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the generous support of the project’s lead foundation sponsor, the Howard and Abby Milstein Foundation. Major funding is also provided by Rosalind P. Walter, The Polonsky Foundation, Virginia and Dana Randt, the LuEsther T. Mertz Charitable Trust, and PBS. Local partners are Nebraska Shakespeare in Omaha and Flatwater Shakespeare in Lincoln.

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