

Talking and Thinking Like Shakespeare Coming to NET Radio

Instead of cursing, try calling your tormentors jackanapes, canker-blossoms or poisonous bunch-back'd toads on Tuesday, April 23, and join NET Radio for Talk Like Shakespeare Day, the Bard's 449th birthday.

According to talklikeshakespeare.org, when wooing a lady April 23, 'tis best to compare her to a summer's day. If that fails, say get thee to a nunnery. Call your friends cousin, address ladies as mistress and men as sirrah. To sound more intelligent, state your opinions as methinks, mayhaps, in sooth or wherefore.

The benefits of talking and thinking like Shakespeare will be featured on April 19 on NET Radio's "Friday Live," which airs from 9 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. CT. Stephen Buhler, University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor of English, will explore recent studies which confirm that Shakespeariences can enhance brainpower.

For more sonnets, couplets and iambic pentameter, the PBS series "Shakespeare Uncovered" will be re-broadcast on NET Television's NET1/HD. Actress Joely Richardson and her mother Vanessa Redgrave investigate the legacy of "Twelfth Night" and "As You Like It," two brilliant cross-dressing comedies with female roles written for male actors, on Friday, April 12 at 9:30 p.m. CT.

"Shakespeare Uncovered" continues on Friday, April 19, when "Richard II with Derek Jacobi" airs at 9 p.m. CT. In returning to the role of a deposed monarch whose crown is taken from him, Jacobi takes a 360-degree view of this great political thriller whose title character he played more than 30 years ago.

NET is partnering with theatrical companies Nebraska Shakespeare and Flatwater Shakespeare to help acquaint more Nebraskans with the English-speaking world's most influential playwright. For more details, visit netNebraska.org/shakespeare.

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