

Great Historical Shakespeare Recordings

author: William Shakespeare

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Synopsis

author	William Shakespeare
readBy	John Barrymore, Laurence Olivier, Henry Irving
inLanguage	english

In this remarkable anthology of historical recordings are many of the great artists of the past. Early cylinder recordings of Sir Henry Irving preserve the voice and character of the greatest actor of the Victorian period as well as Ellen Terry, his stage partner for many years. In this program, the changing styles of Shakespeare performance, a fascinating study, are documented with such varied actors as Tree, Gielgud, Thorndike, Olivier, Booth, and Barrymore.

Also in this anthology, an entertaining miscellany of melodrama, tragedy, and comedy, including the famous extract of Edith Evans' performance as Lady Bracknell and an unforgettable dialogue between Laurel and Hardy.

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