

Armenian Shakespeare Association

International Shakespeare Conference

“Shakespeare 400: the Enigma of Endurance”

Yerevan, September 30 - October 3, 2016

Programme

Friday, the 30th of September 2016 at the American University of Armenia (40 Baghramian Avenue)

- 12.30 Lunch in AUA
- 13.00 **Opening Ceremony with Greg Aroutiunian (ASA), recital by dramatic soprano Lianna Ohanjanyan and AUA students reading Shakespeare sonnets in English and Armenian, followed by reception in Akian Gallery**
- 14.00 Sightseeing tour of the city in minibus, the Genocide Memorial and Museum
- 19.00 *Julius Caesar* at Yerevan State Dramatic Theatre or classical concert at Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall with the Armenian National Philharmonic Orchestra

Saturday, the 1st of October at the State Museum of Literature and Arts (1 Aram Street)

- 9.30 Welcome speech from the Director of the Museum, Dr. Karo Vardanyan, translated by Dr. Armine Ghalachyan
- 10.00-11.30 **Seminar 1: Shakespeare and Performance** with Dr. Jason Burg (UK), Dr. Naira Shahvaldyan (Armenia)
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee Break and piano recital by two young musicians from Spondiarian Music School in Yerevan
- 11.30-13.00 **Seminar 2: Shakespeare in Translations** with Hasmik Jasmine Seymour (UK), Pr. Sona Seferian (Armenia), Dr. Karo Vardanyan (Armenia), Dr. Nathalie Gonchar-Khanjyan (Armenia)
- 13.30 Lunch in a local Armenian restaurant
- 14.00-18.00 Trip with local guide to Garni-Geghard and making traditional lavash-bread
- 20.00 The opening ceremony of HIGHFEST International Theatre Festival with the production of *Seven Moons* by Mark Weil's Theatre Ilkhom from Uzbekistan, Stanislavski Russian Theatre (programme available online at www.highfest.am)

Sunday, the 2nd of October 2016 at the State Museum of Literature and Arts (1 Aram Street)

- 9.30-10.30 **Seminar 3: The Impact of Shakespearean Drama in Eastern and Southern Europe** with Pr. Charles Fairbanks (USA and Georgia), Dr. Xenia Georgopoulou (Greece), Dr. Zorica Becanovic (Serbia), Pr. Emil Sirbulescu (Romania)
- 10.30- 11.30 **Seminar 4: Shakespeare and the Renaissance Drama** with Dr. Anush Sedrakian (Armenia), Dr. Vahe Arsenyan (Armenia), Dr. Anna Khatchatrian (Armenia)
- 11.30-12.00 Coffee break and tour of the Museum and the special exhibition *150 Years of Shakespeare on the Armenian Stage*
- 12.00-13.30 **Seminar 5: Shakespearean in Theatre** with Bachtiar Hovakimyan from Matenadaran (Armenia), translated and read by his daughter Dr. Lusik Havakimyan, Pr. Kang Kim (South Korea), Dr. Mika Ellington (Japan)
- 13.00 Lunch in a local Armenian restaurant
- 13.30-17.00 Visit to the National History Museum and Matenadaran (ancient manuscripts)
- 20.00 HIGHFEST Theatre Festival, production of *SHAKESPEARE* (physical theatre with dance and movement) by Small Theatre, Armenia

Monday, the 3rd of October 2016 at the American University of Armenia (40 Baghramian Avenue)

- 10.00 **Welcome speech from HM Ambassador of Great Britain to Armenia, Judith Margaret Farnworth**, Manoogian Hall
- 10.10-10.30 **Presentation by keynote speaker:** Dr. Thomas J. Samuelian, Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences of AUA (Armenia)
- 10.30-11.15 **Presentation by keynote speaker:** Dr. Katherine Hennessey (USA and UK), Manoogian Hall
- 11.15-11.45 Coffee break
- 11.45-12.00 **Presentation by keynote speaker:** Pr. Henrik Edoyan (Armenia), Manoogian Hall
- 12.00-12.30 **Seminar 6: Shakespeare's influence on German literature**
round table moderated by Dr. Anush Sedrakyan with Pr. Ara Arakelyan (Armenia) and Pr. Karlen Matinyan (Armenia), Manoogian Hall
- 12.30-13.45 **Presentations by keynote speakers:** Dr. Paromita Chakravarti (India) and Dr. Nicoleta Cinpoes (UK), Manoogian Hall
- 13.45 Closing speech from Jasmine Seymour, ASA
- 14.00 Lunch in AUA
- 14.30- 18.00 Visit to the House-Museum of composer Aram Khachaturian and sightseeing tour to St. Echmiadzin
- 19.00 Concert at Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall with the Armenian National Philharmonic Orchestra and soloist Lusine Khatchatrian (Germany)
- 21.00 HIGHFEST Theatre Festival *Macbeth* (Iran), State Theatre Institute