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Programme Synopsis Radio

COURSE PROG: No:

A361/1

Prog: Title

"Shakespeare's History Plays"

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A361 SHAKESPEARE

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Tape No:

TMK33/952H597

Duration

16'07"

1st TX Date

26.2.84

Recording Date

16.8.83

Production by

DAVID HOYLE

Stereo/Mono

Mono

SYNOPSIS

In this programme Professor G.K. Hunter discusses Shakespeare's "history" plays with references to Henry VI, Richard III, Henry V, and the two Henry IV plays. The term "history" play was first used by John Heminges and Henry Cundall for a volume of Shakespeare's works published in 1623 - 7 years after Shakespeare's death. Their definition however didn't include such works as Julius Caesar or King Lear, but was restricted to recent English history. The theme which links Shakespeare's "history" plays is the incompatibility of the private and kingly values. Thus, G.K Hunter argues, offering their first audiences a direct political challenge.

G.K. Hunter is Professor of English at Yale University, Connecticut, U.S.A.

SPEAKERS

Presenter

Prof. G.K. Hunter

KEYWORDS

Shakespeare
"history play"
Falstaff

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SERVICE INFORMATION ON CASSETTE

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The programme starts after the tone signal with the voice of G.K. Hunter. Its approximate duration is 17 minutes.

CONTRACT RESTRICTIONS

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