AA306 Shakespeare: text and performance AA306/VCR 4 Shakespeare on Screen

Producer: Jenny Bardwell

Contributor(s) in clip: Stephen Regan Kiernan Ryan Sue Wiseman

Clip transcript: AA306 Hamlet

Stephen Regan:

First of all though we'd like you to join us here at the Phoenix Cinema in East Finchley to look at some scenes from Laurence Olivier's Hamlet.

Kiernan Ryan:

Of course this terrifically realistic athletic sword fight is one of the aspects of this production that was calculated to appeal to a wider popular audience too.

Extract: Hamlet, 1948, directed by Laurence Olivier Contributor(s): Terence Morgan Laurence Olivier

Laertes: (Screams) The king, the King's to blame

Hamlet: Then, venom, to thy work.

Sue Wiseman:

That's another thing, these relatively early works of Shakespeare do isn't it they put the crown on its own and make you focus on it, close up to them.

Kiernan Ryan:

Exactly so.