



Two Great Stratford Trips with the SAA in 2013!

Fiddler on the Roof, Wednesday, June 12

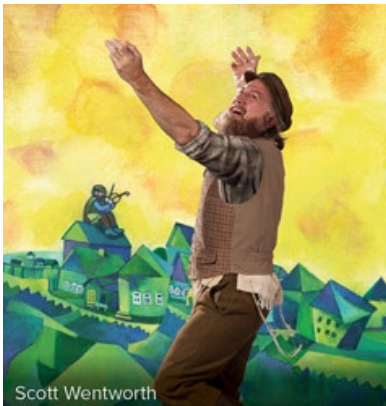
The Merchant of Venice, Wednesday, October 9

Once again, our events chair, Maureen Somerville, has selected two excellent productions from the 2013 Stratford season: *Fiddler on the Roof* and *The Merchant of Venice*. Read her synopses below. These events are always popular so join Maureen and other SAA members and friends for these theatrical outings. One low price covers Mary Morton Tours coach and escort, lunch, taxes, gratuities, and orchestra seat tickets in the Festival Theatre. You'll find details and registration forms on the back page. Space is limited so register early (note the registration deadlines). Invite your friends. If you have any questions, contact us at (416) 978-0544 or senior.alumni@utoronto.ca

Ihor Prociuk, editor

Fiddler on the Roof — June 12, 2013

The play is set in Tsarist Russia and is a portrait of life in a Jewish village. It is an affectionately humorous musical which focuses on



Tevey, a milkman philosopher who finds his values challenged by his daughters' desire to follow their hearts rather than the dictates of tradition. A serious note is the change on the horizon in Russia, which threatens the very existence of the community. The cast includes Scott Wentworth as Tevey, Kate Hennig as Golde, his wife, Jacquelyn French and Keely Hutton as two of their

five daughters, and Gabrielle Jones as Yente the Matchmaker. There are some wonderful songs in the musical, including *Tradition*, *If I Were a Rich Man* and *Sunrise, Sunset*.

The play had its debut in New York in 1964, and ran for 3,242 performances, a record at the time. Some of the people who have performed in the play are Zero Mostel, Beatrice Arthur, Bette Midler, Theodore Bikel, Pia Zadora, and Topol.

The book is by Joseph Stein, music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick. The director for Stratford 2013 is Donna Feore who is also the choreographer. Several of her productions have garnered rave reviews.

Merchant of Venice — October 9, 2013

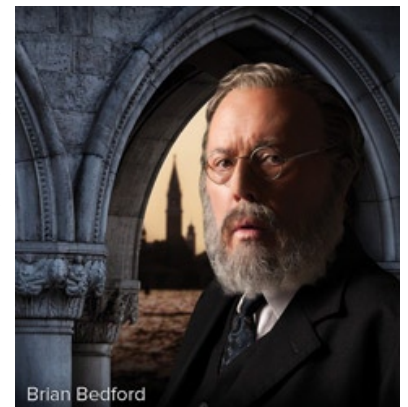
Shakespeare sets this play, of course, in Venice, Italy, which he never, to our knowledge, visited himself; however, his plots were always geared to an English audience, and this is no different.

The merchant of the title is Antonio, a businessman, who finds himself in need of a fairly large short-term loan and approaches Shylock, a Jewish usurer whom Antonio has always treated with contempt. Shylock asks for a pound of his flesh to be the penalty if Antonio does not pay back the loan in the allotted time. A court case ensues when that happens and Portia, a very bright aristocratic woman, poses as a male lawyer to defend Antonio. There are several comic subplots, one in which Portia must choose a husband by a method decreed by her deceased father, and another in which Shylock's daughter elopes with a Christian.

The Merchant of Venice was probably written and first performed in the late 1590s. This year's cast includes Brian Bedford as Shylock, Tom McCamus as Antonio and Michelle Giroux as Portia. The director is Antoni Cimolino.

Both of these plays deal with ages-long prejudice against Jews. *Fiddler on the Roof* is much more sympathetic in its treatment. *The Merchant of Venice* is brutal in its treatment of Shylock, a problem in modern times. Originally he would have been portrayed as servile to Antonio, but vicious behind his back and even his appearance would have been unattractive. Nowadays, directors must carefully tone down the bias and make the main Christian characters less forgivable in their treatment of the money-lender. I am looking forward to both plays to see the interpretations of their directors.

Maureen Somerville, events chair





Senior Alumni Volunteer Opportunities

One of our objectives is “to provide opportunities for senior alumni to serve the University.” We hope you will try one of these opportunities. Contact Emma Duncan at our office: (416) 978-0544, or email senior.alumni@utoronto.ca for more information.

Volunteers needed for Academic Retiree Centre

The Academic Retiree Centre (ARC) is in need of reliable, responsible volunteers to take on a 3.5-hour weekly shift at the Centre’s reception desk, and work on the Senior College Encyclopedia of the History of U of T using a provided computer. Volunteers must be familiar with the Internet, searching for information, and the use of email. Other duties include greeting visitors and answering inquiries.

The ARC is located at 256 McCaul, just south of College St. The hours are 9:00am to 4:30pm. It is open to retired professors, librarians, and senior administrators of U of T.

If you want to volunteer for this position, contact Mary Vohryzek, co-chair of the SAA volunteers: 416-966-8751 or mwvohryzek@gmail.com

Brain Imaging Research

The Movement Disorder Unit at the Toronto Western Hospital is looking for healthy volunteers for brain imaging research. This study involves magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and positron emission tomography (PET). This research will help to advance understanding of cognitive impairment in Parkinson’s disease. Eligibility for volunteers:

- must be between 55 and 80 years old
- have no history or indication of neurological or psychiatric illness
- have no metal implants or a cardiac pacemaker

The eligibility for the PET study may depend on the results of any part of the screening process (screening session, MRI study).

For further information, please contact:

Leigh Christopher
PhD Candidate, University of Toronto
CAMH & Toronto Western Hospital
416-535-8501 ext. 7395 / leigh.christopher2@gmail.com

Having Trouble Sleeping?

If you:

- Are 40 years or older
- Have trouble falling asleep or staying asleep or both
- Experience trouble sleeping for at least 3 nights per week for at least 6 months

You may be eligible for treatment in a research study looking at effectiveness of two behavioural treatments. No medication involved. Participation is voluntary.

For more information about the study, contact:
(416) 979-5000-1-2568
cardiac.insomnia@ryerson.ca
Ryerson University, Health Intervention Research Center.
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Events

Woodsworth College Alumni Café

Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

Doors open 6:30 p.m., Speaker 7:00 p.m.



Demystifying Financial Planning

Find out about basic investment strategies and things everyone should know about financial planning for retirement, and more!

Speaker: Tim Heyes, CFP, CIM, expert in financial planner, investment & retirement planning.

Kruger Hall Commons – Small Lounge
Woodsworth College
119 St. George Street

Cost: \$10 alumni, \$12 guests

Contact Information

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Start planning your U of T Spring Reunion now: May 29 – June 2, 2013



If you graduated in a year ending in 8 or 3, this Spring Reunion is for you! You can stay up-to-date with all events hosted by your college, faculty or department, as well as U of T-wide events organized by the University by going to this site:

<http://springreunion.utoronto.ca/>

Some events are already in the schedule. See:

<http://springreunion.utoronto.ca/events.htm>

You can subscribe to updates at:

<http://springreunion.utoronto.ca/subscribe>

Call 416-978-5881 or spring.reunion@utoronto.ca if you have any questions about the Spring Reunion.

**Attend a free sixth lecture in
our Spring Lecture Series to be
presented at our
SAA AGM
to be held in early May, 2013.
Details in the next newsletter.**

President's Corner



We at the SAA hope that all of you had a good holiday season and we wish you all the best in 2013.

Welcome back to a real Canadian winter! As I write this, we are at double-digit sub-zero temperatures. And for those of you who might have been a bit superstitious of the Mayan calendar prediction—we obviously have a new beginning, not an end!

Our Canadian Perspectives Winter Lecture Series co-chairs have a great program of five lectures for you on Tuesday mornings from February 5th to March 5th in the

Tanz Neuroscience Building at College and University. Details are spelled out elsewhere in this newsletter. I encourage you to sign up and continue your life-long learning quest.

The SAA is also planning two trips to Stratford this year: one in the spring and one in the fall. Our events chair has details also in this newsletter. Both trips sound great – one is our first musical – so I hope that you and your friends will sign up and join us. It is always a fun bus!

The SAA invited Matt Chapman, the President of the University of Toronto Alumni Association (UTAA) to join us at our December executive meeting. He spoke to us of some of the challenges the UTAA has in connecting with half-a-million U of T alumni and of their objective of actively promoting and engaging our alumni's (sometimes latent) pride in U of T. Matt also spoke of the UTAA's fostering of mentoring programs which have been showing great success. If you have an interest in mentoring students, contact Jonathan Cheevers, 416-978-2221 or jonathan.cheevers@utoronto.ca.

One of our executive also raised the topic of the U of T song: *Blue and White*. Did you know that there *is* an official U of T school song? Those of the executive who knew the words raised their voices with great gusto.

We are indebted to Alumni Relations, in particular Satpal McCaughey and two new directors, Julia Knapp and Anne Cobban, who have recently been appointed by Barbara Dick. We are working with them on a promotional plan that will more effectively reach out to our alumni to introduce them to the SAA, its Canadian Perspectives Lecture Series and other life-long learning opportunities. It is an interesting, vital and important exercise for us.

Some of the speakers for our Spring Lecture Series have already been selected. We hope to see you in February as well as April.

Keep warm.

Wendy Talfourd-Jones, SAA President
wendytj@alumni.utoronto.ca



Our Canadian Perspectives Winter Lecture Series is now under way. Even if you haven't signed up for the entire series, it's still possible to select just the lectures that interest you for \$15 per lecture. Use the enclosed form.

List of Spring Series lecturers almost completed

We're excited by the lecturers who will be participating in our two spring lecture series starting in April, 2013. Not all the lecturers and topics have been finalized but here's what we have so far.

Monday Group

Amanda Lang, Senior Business Correspondent, CBC News; Co-Host, CBC News Network's Lang & O'Leary Exchange
Innovation and the Power of Why

Professor Robert Orr, Department of Physics
The Higgs Boson and the History of the Cosmos

Dr. Samir Sinha, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Director of Geriatrics, Mount Sinai and Hospital and UHN
Ontario Seniors Strategy: Where Do We Stand, Where Do We Need To Go?

Professor Charles Pascal, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
Early Childhood Education

Wednesday Group

Professor Nelson Wiseman, Department of Political Science
TBA

Professor Jeffrey Rosenthal, Department of Mathematics
Solving Crimes Using Mathematics

Professor Marla Sokolowski, Collaborative Program in Neuroscience, UTM
Gene-environment interplay: From fruit flies to humans

Mike Daley, Later Life Learning, Innis College
Way Down Yonder in New Orleans: The Genesis of Jazz

Remember, you have the option to purchase a complete series (\$50 for five lectures - the best value) or just pick the lectures that interest you for \$15 each.



Correction: In the previous issue of the SAA News, we attributed the wrong responsibilities of several SAA executive members. Jane Hunter (far left, second row) is Assistant Secretary and Linda Fischer (far right, first row) is Assistant Treasurer.

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2013 SAA Theatre Trips Information/Registration

Fiddler on the Roof — Stratford

Cost: \$155.00 per person

The cost includes taxes and gratuities. You will receive a receipt. Make your cheque payable to **Mary Morton Tours**. Complete the form below and mail *directly* to:

Mary Morton Tours
11316 Petty Street
Ailsa Craig, Ontario N0M 1A0

Deadline: Friday, May 10, 2013

The completed order form must be received at Mary Morton Tours by the deadline date.

Date of Trip: Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Please be at the Coffee Zone, 30 Carlton St. (at the Holiday Inn, north side of Carlton St., east of Yonge St.) by 9:15 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. departure.

If you wish to be picked up at the Islington Subway Station, please be there by 9:30 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. departure. The bus pick up is on the east side of Islington Ave., by the phone booth.

Trip Details:

Lunch will be at the Waterlot in New Hamburg. Please check off your choice of entrée on the form below. Salad, dessert, and coffee or tea are included. Please include any dietary restrictions. Wine, etc., is available, but is not included in the cost. We will arrive at the Festival Theatre in Stratford in time for the 2:00 p.m. matinee of the play.

Return:

We will arrive back in Toronto at the Holiday Inn on Carlton at approximately 7:15 pm.

Merchant of Venice — Stratford

Cost: \$151.00 per person

The cost includes taxes and gratuities. You will receive a receipt. Make your cheque payable to **Mary Morton Tours**. Complete the form below and mail *directly* to:

Mary Morton Tours
11316 Petty Street
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Deadline: Friday, September 6, 2013

The completed order form must be received at Mary Morton Tours by the deadline date.

Date of Trip: Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Please be at the Coffee Zone, 30 Carlton St. (at the Holiday Inn, north side of Carlton St., east of Yonge St.) by 9:15 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. departure.

If you wish to be picked up at the Islington Subway Station, please be there by 9:30 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. departure. The bus pick up is on the east side of Islington Ave., by the phone booth.

Trip Details:

Lunch will be at the Pazzo's Ristortante in downtown Stratford. Salad, dessert, and coffee or tea are included. Please include any dietary restrictions. Wine, etc., is available, but is not included in the cost. We will arrive at the Festival Theatre in Stratford in time for the 2:00 p.m. matinee of the play.

Return:

We will arrive back in Toronto at the Holiday Inn on Carlton at approximately 7:15 pm.

University of Toronto Senior Alumni Association Fiddler on the Roof – Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

COST: \$155.00 per person

PAYMENT: Make cheque payable to Mary Morton Tours.

BUS PICKUP: ☐ Carlton St. ☐ Islington Ave.

LUNCH: Please select ONE entrée. Indicate dietary restrictions below.

☐ Pork loin glazed with maple syrup, apple butter and mustard

☐ Oven-roasted chicken breast with wild mushroom

REMEMBER: This completed form must be received at Mary Morton Tours by Friday, May 10, 2013.

University of Toronto Senior Alumni Association Merchant of Venice – Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

COST: \$151.00 per person

PAYMENT: Make cheque payable to Mary Morton Tours.

BUS PICKUP: ☐ Carlton St. ☐ Islington Ave.

LUNCH: Chicken breast, cremini, white wine, and braised shallots

Indicate dietary restrictions below.

REMEMBER: This completed form must be received at Mary Morton Tours by Friday, September 6, 2013.