MARCH 13 - 21, 2019

LONDON
2019 SPRING THEATER

Murray Biggs
Special YET Lecturer
English and Theater Studies
DEAR YALE TRAVELER

The legacy of great performances is alive and well at Yale where a passion for drama is in our DNA. I invite you to renew and indulge your own love of the theater with us this March, on a nine-day excursion into the thriving London arts scene. We’ll be joined by retired Yale Professor Murray Biggs, who will personally curate a selection of plays meant to ignite your curiosity and expand your cultural horizons. Group discussions, special visits and field trips will examine symbolism, themes, characters, and so much more.

Our home for this program will be The Montague on the Gardens Hotel, a luxury townhouse situated in the historical Bloomsbury district, known for its literary connections. Overlooking a private garden, close to the British Museum and Covent Garden, the hotel offers the ambiance of an elegant country hotel in a centrally located London neighborhood. There will be plenty of free time to explore the city’s splendid cultural offerings.

I’m delighted to extend this invitation to join us for this program created exclusively by Yale Educational Travel. You may secure your spot now by visiting, yaleedtravel.org/londonspring19 or by calling us at (203) 432-1952.

Warmest wishes from Yale,

Lauren Summers
Senior Director, Lifelong Learning and Travel

WHAT TO EXPECT

Tickets to six plays, selected by Murray Biggs

Stimulating group discussions led by Murray Biggs

Scripts of the plays to read before seeing the production

Accommodations at the famed Montague on the Gardens for seven nights

Festive Welcome and Farewell dinners

Included dinners on theater evenings and an English breakfast each morning

Private tours of theater-related venues

Plays in unique venues

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UPCOMING THEATER

Glimmerglass Festival
August 1 - 4, 2019

Best of Ontario featuring the Shaw and Stratford Festivals
August 8 - 16, 2019

Behind the Curtain
London Fall Theater
October 9 - 17, 2019

Critics’ Pick
New York Theater
October 18 - 20, 2019
October 25 - 27, 2019

MURRAY BIGGS

Murray Biggs, semi-retired Adjunct Associate Professor of English and Theater Studies at Yale, is known throughout the campus and with alumni everywhere for his dynamic teaching style that inspires great enthusiasm and active participation. Although retired from regular teaching, Professor Murray Biggs is still widely active at and for Yale.

Professor Biggs was born in England, brought up in South Africa, and returned to England as a Rhodes Scholar to take his second degree (in English) at Oxford, where he afterward taught for two years. He later studied acting and for a time performed professionally in Boston. He worked at MIT for ten years, mainly as founder and first Director of the MIT Shakespeare Ensemble. He also taught at Wellesley, Berkeley, and the University of Connecticut before joining the Yale faculty in 1986. He has published many articles and reviews, especially about Shakespeare and his contemporaries in performance. In 1991 he edited a collection of essays, The Arts of Performance in Elizabethan and Early Stuart Drama. He has directed over 40 plays, a third of them from the English Renaissance.
ITINERARY
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LONDON
Wednesday, March 13

Depart for London. You may choose to arrive a day or two early to better recover from the jet-lag before the program begins.
(Additional nights will be ~ £210 [excluding VAT] per room)

LONDON
Thursday, March 14

Mid-afternoon welcome and discussion. Murray Biggs will introduce the first play, followed by a welcome dinner and an evening performance.
(D)

LONDON
Friday, March 15

Morning discussion with Murray Biggs. Group dinner followed by an evening performance.
(B/D)

LONDON
Saturday, March 16

Morning discussion with Murray Biggs. Group dinner followed by an evening performance.
(B/D)

LONDON
Sunday, March 17

Free day
(B)

LONDON
Monday, March 18

Morning discussion with Murray Biggs. Group dinner followed by an evening performance.
(B/D)

LONDON
Tuesday, March 19

Morning discussion with Murray Biggs. Group dinner followed by an evening performance.
(B/D)

LONDON
Wednesday, March 20

Morning discussion with Murray Biggs. Farewell dinner, followed by an evening performance.
(B/D)

LONDON
Thursday, March 21

Independent departure following breakfast.
(B)

Note: Itinerary subject to change

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner
PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Tickets to six theater productions handpicked by Murray Biggs
- Series of lectures and discussions with Murray and fellow travelers
- Scripts for the plays to read before experiencing the production
- Classic King Room accommodations at the famed Montague on the Gardens Hotel for seven nights
- A daily English breakfast at the Montague on the Gardens Hotel
- In-room high speed WiFi
- Evening turndown service
- In-room complimentary bottled mineral water
- A welcome and farewell reception
- Six (6) dinners
- Private tours of theater-related venues
- Emergency medical evacuation services
- Transportation to venues that exceed a mile from the hotel

PROGRAM EXCLUSIONS

Round trip transportation; accident and baggage insurance; trip cancellation insurance; meals except as specified above; personal expenses such as laundry and telephone calls; airport transportation.

PROGRAM TIPS

During the program, you may need to walk up to a mile to and from locations. If you are unable or feel uncomfortable walking such distance, you may book your own taxi transportation. Coach transportation will be provided for locations not within walking distance.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The deposit minus a $300 per person administrative fee is refundable until December 15, 2018, upon receipt of a written cancellation at Yale Educational Travel. There are no refunds after December 15, 2018. We strongly urge participants to purchase travel insurance.

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Classic King Room

Program cost: $5,495*

*Based on double occupancy

Single supplement: $1,500

Deluxe King Room

Program cost: $5,495

plus an additional £50/night
room upgrade surcharge

Single supplement: $1,500

Junior Suite

Program cost: $5,495

plus an additional £150/night
room upgrade surcharge

Single supplement: $1,500

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To register, return this form with your deposit of $1,000 per person to YET.
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1) name as on passport

date of birth yale connection
passport origin relationship to other guest

2) name as on passport

date of birth yale connection
passport origin relationship to other guest

Contact Information

address

city/state/zip

primary phone

secondary phone

e-mail

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