



*Doctor Faustus is dragged to hell*

## CLASSIC ENGLISH DRAMA NOW ON DVD. US RELEASE DATE: 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2011

If you have ever had to sit through a classroom reading of a play, or read one by yourself, you will know how difficult it is to follow the action of the stage, and appreciate the complexities of the language, the sub text, and the poetry.... and all at the same time! How many students have had an interest in classic drama discouraged by a turgid classroom reading? How many students have had their English grades adversely affected because they couldn't see a live production of the very plays they were studying?

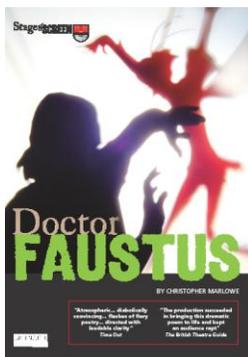
**Stage on Screen Ltd**, a UK-based company, is changing the way that Classic English Drama can be taught in the classroom, by producing quality recordings on DVD of classic English plays.

It mounts professional productions at London's famous Greenwich Theatre, which are filmed live to produce the DVDs.

We are especially proud that all four productions were critically acclaimed (see below for a small selection of reviews and quotes – many more can be found on our website) and achieved near sell-out audiences during their theatrical run. In 2009/10 Stage on Screen released the first four DVDs: Doctor Faustus, The School for Scandal, The Duchess of Malfi and Volpone. All recordings have optional subtitles and use minimally cut texts specifically for educational use. In the next three years SOS will continue to produce and release DVDs, covering a wide range of classic English language drama.

Stage on Screen has received enthusiastic endorsements from many UK and International Educational Organisations, and are now pleased to announce that these four recordings will be officially released in the US and Canada on November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011, and will be available to purchase from Amazon and all good retailers.

So if you'd like to see how Stage on Screen are helping to ensure that students approach the classics of English Drama with anticipation rather than dread, take a look at DVD enclosed.



***“The challenge of successfully recording great stage drama and retaining the theatrical vitality and integrity is a very interesting one; I believe that we have risen to that challenge. These recordings are the closest you can get to a good stalls seat at The Greenwich Theatre without actually being there”***

***Richard Adams, Stage on Screen Producer***

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*The Knight receives his cuckold's horns*

## Notes for editors

The four plays recorded are:

Doctor Faustus by Christopher Marlowe, The School for Scandal by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, The Duchess of Malfi by John Webster, and Volpone by Ben Jonson.

The recordings are made in high definition, in front of a live audience, using multiple cameras.

They were produced and filmed at London's Greenwich Theatre. For more information about the Theatre and its history of producing acclaimed drama please visit the website at [www.greenwichtheatre.org](http://www.greenwichtheatre.org).

The DVDs are released in two versions: a feature only pack, and an education pack, which contains the feature, extensive interviews with the theatre company, and a mastershot recording of the entire play. All the plays also have an optional subtitles facility.

The feature pack retails at \$29.99, the Education/Library pack (direct to Schools and Colleges) at \$149.95. A two year streaming license can also be purchased for an additional \$149.95.

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Each play is professionally produced and regularly features many actors from UK Theatres such as The Globe, The Royal Shakespeare Company and The National Theatre. The plays are directed by Elizabeth Freestone, with the video recording being directed by Chris Cowey.

Stage on Screen have a large selection of superb photography (see our website and the brochure enclosed) available to accompany any article. To obtain PDFs please contact us at [enquiries@stageonscreen.com](mailto:enquiries@stageonscreen.com).

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*The Old Man is attacked by Devils*

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*“Doctor Faustus....Atmospheric..diabolically convincing..flashes of fiery poetry..directed with laudable clarity” **London Time Out***

*“Stage on Screen’s understated use of technology captures and enhances the work of the Greenwich Theatre performances and preserves them for repeated viewing” **The Shakespeare Bulletin***

*“An excellent teaching resource...a tremendous stimulant for students” **Teaching Drama Magazine UK***



*Doctor Faustus meets Helen of Troy*



*Doctor Faustus taunts The Pope*