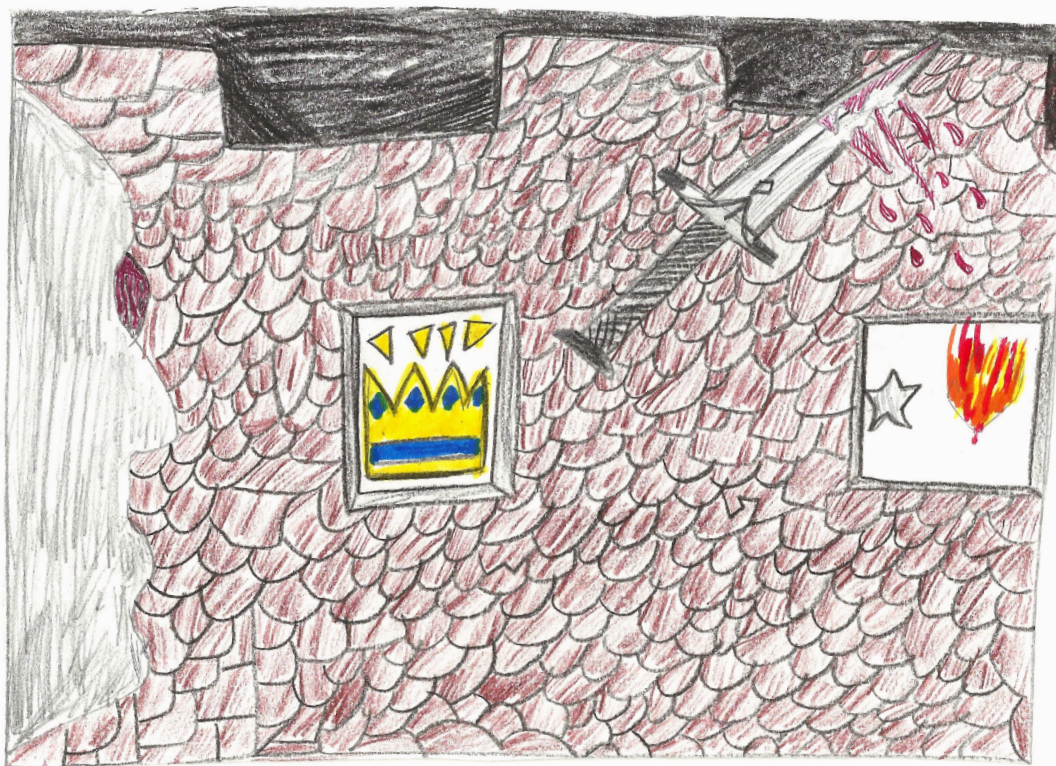


# PLAYBILL

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## *Macbeth*

By Shakespeare





# MACBETH

## CAST & CHARACTERS

Lady Macbeth: Angelina Jolie

Macbeth: Robert Downey Jr.

Banquo: Idris Elba

King Duncan: Donald Sutherland

Malcolm: Liam Hemsworth

Fleance: Nico Liersch

Donalbain: James Marsden

Witches: Whoopi Goldberg, Lin Shaye and  
Mary Birdsong

Macduff: Donal Logue

Murderers: Danny Devito, Ezra Miller and  
Angus Sampson

Porter: Bill Burr

Ross: James Mcavoy

Lennox: Josh Hutcherson

Hecate: Eva Green

Angus: Matt Dillon

A bleeding captain: Michael Ealy

# WHY THESE ACTORS?



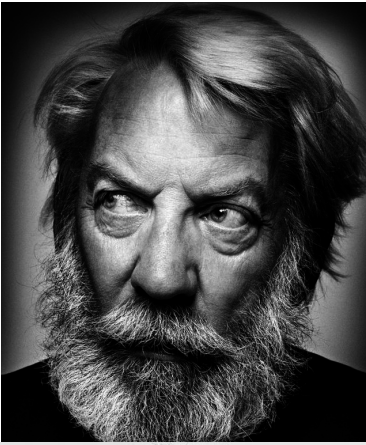
Angelina Jolie is the perfect person to be Lady Macbeth for a couple reasons. First, because of her role in *Maleficent*. Her character at first was caring and loving but then showed her dark side when her wings were cut off, much like Lady Macbeth when Macbeth tells Lady Macbeth that he will become king and she wants to kill Duncan. Second, she has a lot of experience with acting and has took on roles like this before and knows how to make her a golden part of the play.



Idris Elba is the perfect person to play Banquo for a couple reasons. First, he has proven to be an extremely effective supportive character in *Thor* series and *Pacific Rim* as Heimdall and Stacker Pentecost. Second, he is an established supportive actor in Hollywood, especially in roles like this.



Robert Downey Jr. would be the perfect person to play Macbeth for a couple reasons. First, he has played dramatic lead roles similar to the role of Macbeth, such as, Hank Palmer in *The Judge* and Sherlock Holmes in the *Sherlock Holmes* series. Second, he is an established lead in Hollywood, especially in roles like this.



**Donald Sutherland** is the perfect King Duncan for a couple reasons. First, he has played similar roles to this such as in The Hunger Games series as President Snow. Second, because of his age, he perpetuates an old, wise, and kind king. Third, he is an established Hollywood actor and as of recently, proved to be a specialist in roles like this.



**Liam Hemsworth** is the perfect person to play Malcolm for a couple reasons. First, he has played supporting similar to the role of Malcolm, such as, Gale Hawthorne in the Hunger Games and as Billy the Kid in Expendables 2. Second, he is an established lead in Hollywood, especially in supporting roles like this.



**James Marsden** is the perfect person to play Donalbain for a couple reasons. First, he has played important supporting roles similar to Donalbain such as Cyclops in the X-Men series. Second, he is an established supporting actor in Hollywood, especially in roles like this.



**Donal Logue** is the perfect person to play Macduff for a couple reasons. First, he has played important supporting roles similar to Macduff such as Harvey Bullock in Gotham and Mack in Ghost Rider. Second, he is an established supporting actor in Hollywood, especially in roles like this.



**Lin Shaye** is the perfect person to play one of the witches for a couple reasons. First, she has played important supporting roles that define the movie/play similar to a Witch. She has played roles such as Elise Rainier in the Insidious series and Paulina Zander in Ouija. Second, she is an established supporting actor in Hollywood, especially in roles like this.



**Mary Birdsong** is the perfect person to play a witch for a couple reasons. First, she has played important supporting roles that define the movie/play similar to a Witch. She has played roles such as a gray sister in Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters and Carol Andree in Freeheld. Second, she is an established supporting actor in Hollywood, especially in roles like this.



**Whoopi Goldberg** is the perfect person to play one of the witches for a couple reasons. First, she has played important supporting roles that define the movie/play similar to a Witch. These roles include: Shenzi in The Lion King and Bernadette Thompson in Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Second, she is an established actor in Hollywood in both lead and supporting acting roles. She is almost overqualified for this role.

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# Summaries

## Act 1

In act one we meet the main characters; Macbeth, Thane of Cawdor, Duncan, King of Scotland, Three Witches, Lennox, a thane, and Malcolm and Donalbain, King Duncan's sons. In the beginning of Act 1, Duncan, Malcolm, Lennox and Donalbain see a bleeding captain. He tells of Macbeth's heroism in battle and how he defeated the armies of the Irish and Norwegians. Later that night, Macbeth and Banquo are walking when they see the witches. They have no idea what to think of them, as they appear quite ugly. The witches prophesize that Macbeth will become Thane of Glamis and eventually, the King of Scotland. The witches then prophesize that Banquo will be "Lesser than Macbeth, but greater", "Not so happy, yet much happier" and that Banquo won't be king but his son will be. Macbeth then asks the witches about the prophecy of him being the Thane of Glamis. He states that the Thane of Glamis is rich, powerful and above all, still alive. Suddenly, the witches vanish, leaving them with more questions. Later in the act, Macbeth finds out that the Thane of Glamis was a traitor and will be hung. Macbeth is then to replace the previous Thane of Glamis. When this happens, Macbeth states that his fate will allow him to be king, then it will crown him king without him doing anything. Macbeth tells Lady Macbeth of his prophecy. She decides that they have to kill the king. Initially, Macbeth agrees. Because of his crowning as Thane of Glamis, the Macbeths have a dinner to honor Macbeth. Later in the night, we find Macbeth contemplating whether to kill Duncan or not. When Lady Macbeth finds him, she questions his manhood and calls him a coward. He eventually agrees to kill after a heated argument. They then come up with a set plan.



## Act 2

In Act 2, after talking with Banquo about their prophecies from the witches, Macbeth hallucinates a bloody dagger in front of him and becomes extremely nervous. After the "murder bell" rings, Macbeth kills King Duncan in his sleep and forgets to put the daggers back. He hears someone say "Sleep no more! Macbeth does murder sleep". At this point, he's going nuts. Lady Macbeth takes the daggers back to the guards so they don't get caught. He says that no amount of water could ever wash away this deed. On the other hand, Lady Macbeth says that she has just as much blood on her hands and that just a little bit of water will clear her of the deed. Later, Macduff finds the body of the dead king. Soon, everyone knows of his death. Malcolm and Donalbain flee fearing for their lives and also because people will speculate that they killed the king/their father.

## Act 3

Act 3 starts with Macbeth planning Banquo and Fleance's murder. He hires 2 men, joined by a 3rd, to kill Banquo and Fleance on their way to the palace for Macbeth's event. They successfully kill Banquo but Fleance escapes. The murderers then return to the palace to deliver this news to Macbeth. Macbeth begins to get worried that Fleance has lived and has seen that murderers have killed his father. Throughout the whole event Macbeth goes crazy and hallucinates Banquo coming back, bloody, to his event. The rest of the act is followed with strange occurrences. The witches pull Macbeth's strings by frightening him about his downfall. Lots of rumors run around Scotland about how Duncan's sons could've murdered Duncan and now that Fleance killed Banquo. Macbeth also receives news that Macduff, who's suspicious of Macbeth, has now gone to England where Malcolm has fled. Macbeth suspects they're planning trouble with him and is preparing himself.

## Act 4

Act 4 begins with the three witches stirring a pot where 3 apparitions deliver 3 new prophecies to Macbeth. The armed head warns Macbeth of Macduff and the Thane of Fife organizing an overthrow in England which confirms Macbeth's fear of them. The bloody child tells Macbeth that no one born from a woman should harm him. The child with a tree and wearing a crown says that Macbeth won't be destroyed until Birnam woods reaches Dunsinane hill, where the palace is. Macbeth then decides that he will kill all of Fife before he changes his mind in order to make sure that he never gets overthrown. Later in the act, murderers kill Macduff's wife and children. Ross then delivers the hard news of this murder to Macduff. The act ends with a sneak into Lady Macbeth's chamber where she sleep walks and reveals their actions to the doctor and gentlewoman who are observing her sleep.

## Act 5

In the beginning of act 5 we see Lady Macbeth going crazy as a result of the crimes committed. We then find out that Macduff is seeking revenge for the murder of his family, as well as Malcolm for the murder of his father. In their attack they have gained support from Macbeth's thanes. Macbeth reacts to this news by holding his stance and not surrendering. The rebellion begins as the army cuts down trees and carries them to hide their numbers. This proves the first prophecy as Birnam woods near Dunsinane Hill. During the fight Macduff murders Macbeth, this is possible because he was born through a c-section which is considered not naturally woman born. In the end we found out that Lady Macbeth's depression led her to kill herself.

# COSTUMES

## Macbeth

The first image represents Macbeth's costume before he was crowned king. He was a soldier, therefore he would carry a sword and wear attire suitable for a man in war. The second image represents Macbeth's costume after being crowned king. As king he would wear a crown and long heavy clothing suitable for a king. Macbeth wears much darker clothing as king to represent his paranoia and struggles after getting his crown.



## Lady Macbeth

As Lady Macbeth is a queen, it was common for queens to wear gowns. I thought it would be appropriate for her to be in a darker red to represent her crazy side and thoughts by Macbeth's side.



## King Duncan

As king in the beginning, Duncan wears a crown and a long cape as many kings do. He wears more colorful clothing underneath to represent that he was a much more joyful and kind king.



## Malcolm and Donalbain

As princes, Malcolm and Donalbain wear crowns. They also wear nicer casual clothing ready for any occurrence in the palace. They wear lighter colors to represent the royal family that is said to be more fair.



## Banquo and Fleance

As a thane and son of a thane, Banquo and Fleance dress in royal looking attire. They're in lighter colors to represent honesty and loyalty. Through Macbeth we see these characteristics show through Banquo.



## Three murderers

All of the murderers wear dark clothing so that they can disguise on their mission to kill Banquo and Fleance.



## Witches

The witches are described as very ugly nonhuman creatures. In this costume they wear very dark and flowy pieces to represent their animalistic vibe.

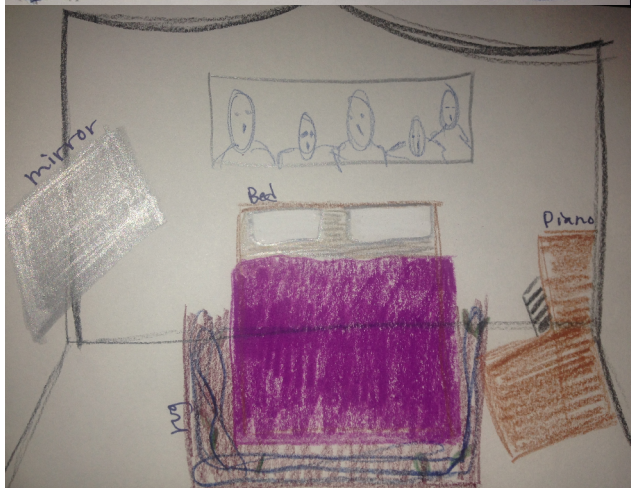
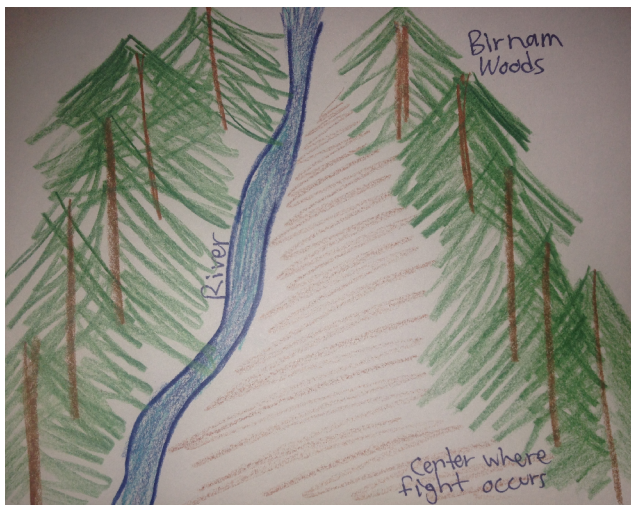


# THE SET

In act 3, scene 3, the three murderers that Macbeth hires are on their mission to kill Banquo and Fleance. They are in the woods, as described in the story, and there has to be a route where Fleance escapes. The set for this scene includes large trees up the edges of the stage. The center is kept clear where the fight happens. There is a small river made of cloth running up the left side of the stage, this is where Fleance escapes.

In act 3, scene 4, Macbeth and Lady Macbeth have a group of Lords and attendants over for dinner to celebrate Macbeth's crowning. This takes place in the Great Hall of Macbeth's palace. In the center of the stage there will be a large table with chairs suitable for a large group of people. Over top of the table there will be a big chandelier to set the royal vibe and lighting for an eventful scene. On the left of the table there is a large doorway which leads to the rest of the palace. The doorway is where everyone enters and where the ghost of Banquo enters to scare Macbeth.

In act 5, scene 1, Lady Macbeth is sleepwalking around their palace. In this scene, and other scenes in Macbeth's palace, the right side of the stage has a wooden piano where Lady Macbeth sits and speaks in her sleep. In the center of the stage there is a king size bed where Lady Macbeth awakes and the couple has discussions. The left side of the stage has a large mirror where characters present their thoughts. The floor has a rug to make the scene feel more homey.



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