

The Story
of
Macbeth
Playbill

Original Story 'Macbeth' by: A William Shakespeare

At

Buck's County Playhouse

70 S Main St, New Hope, PA 18938



Plot Summary

If you were told that sometime in the future, all of your wildest dreams and wishes would come true, what would you do?

The story of Macbeth is a world-renowned classic by the very talented playwright, William Shakespeare. The story takes place during the Middle Ages in Scotland. 'Macbeth' mostly revolves around the main character, Macbeth, a war general and Lord, and his many battles. Battles with other people, battles with fate, and even battles with himself. He himself is told that many of his secret desires will come to life, eventually. When he decides what he will do because of this new information, chaos ensues.

So, if you had the chance to change your fate, would you?

Cast

King Duncan.....James Meavoy
Malcolm.....Daniel Radcliffe
Donalbain.....Matthew Lewis
Macbeth.....Johnny Depp
Lady Macbeth.....Helena Bonham Carter
Banquo.....James Purefoy
Fleance.....Josh Feldman
Macduff.....Jonny Lee Miller
Lennox.....Leonardo DiCaprio
Ross.....Brad Pitt
Gentlewoman.....Emma Watson
Captain.....Sean Connery
Three Murderers of Banquo.....Tim Curry, Orlando Bloom, Mel Gibson
Three Witches.....Winona Ryder, Bette Midler, Cher
Hecate.....Maggie Smith

~ Meet Our Actors And Characters ~

Actor Biographies and Character Biographies

James Mcavoy (King Duncan)

James Mcavoy was born on April 21, 1979 in Port Glasgow, Scotland. He starred in another production of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" while working in theatre. He has appeared in films such as *Fifth* (2013), *X-Men: Days of Future Past* (2014), and is extremely well known for his appearance in Disney's adaptation of CS Lewis's *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* as Mr. Tumnus, the faun.

Duncan, also known as King Duncan, is the king of Scotland. He is a very well-liked king, loved by every one of his subjects. He does his job very well and enjoys it too.



Daniel Radcliffe (Malcolm)

Daniel Jacob Radcliffe was born on July 23, 1989 in Fulham, London, England. He is most famous for his appearance as Harry Potter in every one of the eight film adaptations of JK Rowling's popular series, *Harry Potter*.

Malcolm is one of King Duncan's sons. He is also next in line to be King when it is time for Duncan to step down.



Matthew Lewis (Donalbain)

Matthew David Lewis was born on June 27, 1989 in Leeds, West Yorkshire, England. He is widely known for his role as Neville Longbottom in every one of the eight film adaptations of the *Harry Potter* series, right alongside Mr. Daniel Radcliffe.

Donalbain is the second son of King Duncan right behind Malcolm. Since is the the second son, he will not obtain the crown unless Malcolm steps down or has no successors.



Johnny Depp (Macbeth)

John Christopher (Johnny) Depp II was born in Owensboro, Kentucky on June 9, 1963. He is known to be one of the most adaptable actors of his time because of his ability to play and portray many, many different personality/character types. His very first film job was a part in the 1984 film *A Nightmare on Elm Street* after being advised to go into acting from famous actor Nicolas Cage. However, he really got his big break after replacing Jeff Yagher in his role in *21 Jump Street* (1987).

Macbeth is the main character of this production, hence its name. He is the Thane Glamis, or ruler of Glamis. He is a well-known knight, widely known for his battle skills and ruthlessness.



Helena Bonham Carter (Lady Macbeth)

Helena Bonham Carter was born on May 26, 1966 in Golders Green, London, England. Like Mr. Depp, an actor whom Helena has worked with on many Tim Burton productions, Helena is an excellent, versatile actress. One of the roles she is most famous for is Bellatrix Lestrange in the film adaptations of the *Harry Potter* series. She is also well known for her appearance as Mrs. Bucket in Tim Burton's adaptation of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (2005).

Lady Macbeth is Macbeth's wife, as one could guess. She is a very strong character and can often come across as scary or overpowering.



James Purefoy (Banquo)

James Brian Mark Purefoy was born on June 3, 1964 in Somerset, England. He is well known for his appearances in productions of Shakespeare's plays *Macbeth*, in which he played a leading role, and *Hamlet*. He also starred in *The Servant* and *The Way of the World*.

Banquo is also a knight for Scotland right alongside Macbeth. He is also Macbeth's best friend.



Jonny Lee Miller (Macduff)

Jonny Lee Miller was born on November 15, 1972 in Kingston, England. He was cast as Sherlock Holmes in 'Elementary' (2012), and appeared in two different productions of Jane Austen's 'Mansfield Park' in 1983 and 1999.

Macduff is another Scottish Thane like Macbeth. He is the Thane of Fife.



Leonardo DiCaprio (Lennox)

Leonardo Wilhelm DiCaprio was born on November 11, 1974 in Los Angeles, California. He is known to have one of the most diverse acting careers. He is best known for his appearance as Jack in 'Titanic' (1997), Romeo in 'Romeo and Juliet' (1996), and Jay Gatsby in 'The Great Gatsby.'

Lennox is a Scottish Nobleman.



Brad Pitt (Ross)

William Bradley Pitt was born on December 18, 1963 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. He is best known for his role of Tyler Durden in 'Fight Club', Billy Beane in 'Moneyball', and Rusty Ryan in the 2001 remake of 'Ocean's Eleven.'

Ross, like Lennox, is also a Scottish Nobleman.



Josh Feldman (Fleance)

Josh Eric Feldman was born on December 15, 1999 in Dallas, Texas. He is best known for his role as Carter in the Disney Movie 'Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups.' He's also played roles in productions such as 'Insidious' and 'General Hospital.'

Fleance is Banquo's son.



Winona Ryder (Witch #1)

Winona Laura Horowitz was born on October 29, 1971 in Winona, Minnesota. She best known for her appearances in Tim Burton's 'Beetlejuice' and 'Edward Scissorhands', as well as 'Mermaids' and 'The Dilemma.'

There are three witches total (numbers two and three described in the next few pages) who are also called 'The Wicked Sisters.' In the play, they plot plenty of spells and charms.



Bette Midler (Witch #2)

Bette Davis Midler was born on December 1, 1945 in Honolulu, Hawaii. She is a multi Grammy Award-winning actress/comedienne/author. She is best known for her appearance in 'The Rose', 'Down and Out In Beverly Hills', 'Ruthless People', and 'Hocus Pocus'.

(See Witch #1 Description for Witches description.)



Cher (Witch #3)

Cheryl Sarkisian was born on May 20, 1946 in El Centro, California. She has been an entertainer for over four decades, being a singer and actress. Cher has many popular songs, for example, 'You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling' and 'Be My Baby.' She has acted in productions such as 'Mask', 'The Witches of Eastwick', and 'Burlesque.'

(See Witch #1 Description for Witches description)



Tim Curry (Murderer #1)

Timothy James Curry was born on April 19, 1946 in Cheshire, England. He is extremely well known for his appearance as Dr. Frank-N-Furter in 1975 thriller, 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' as well as 'The Pirates of Penzance.'

The Three Murderers of Banquo are all exactly what they sound like, the murderers of Banquo.



Orlando Bloom (Murderer #2)

Orlando Jonathan Blanchard Bloom was born on January 13, 1977 in Canterbury, England. He started off landing parts in British television shows such as 'Casualty' and 'Midsomer Murders.' Later, he got the part of Legolas in the 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy.

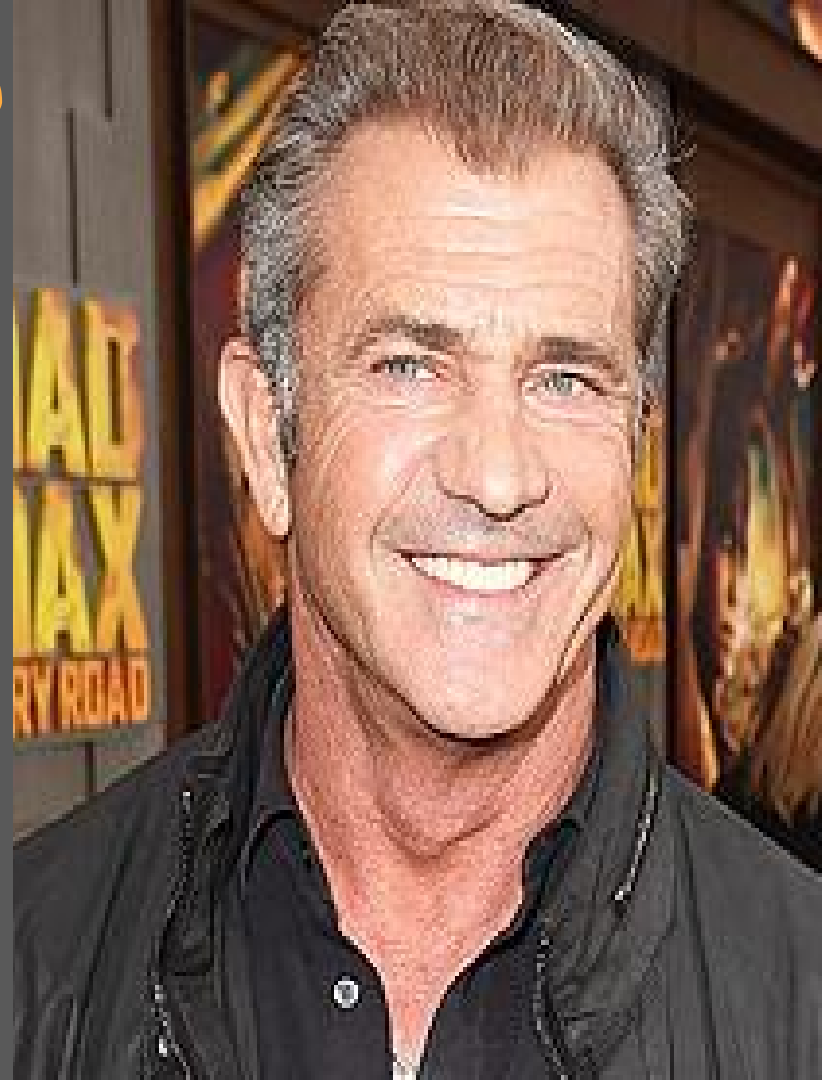
(See Murderer #1 Description for 'The Three Murderers of Banquo' full description.)



Mel Gibson (Murderer #3)

Mel Columcille Gerard Gibson was born on January 3, 1956 in Peekskill, New York. He starred in the 1979 version of 'Mad Max', which got him known world-wide, and 'Tim', which got him a Best Actor award from the Australian Film Institute.

(See Murderer #1 Description for 'The Three Murderers of Banquo' full description.)



Maggie Smith (Hecate)

Margaret Natalie Smith was born on December 28, 1934 in Essex, England. She is one of the world's most famous and distinguished actresses. Maggie is best known for her appearance as Professor McGonagall in the film adaptations of the 'Harry Potter' series, 'Gosford Park', and 'Downton Abbey.'

Hecate is known as the 'lead' witch. She has more power than the other three Wicked Sisters.



Emma Watson (*Gentlewoman*)

Emma Charlotte Duerre Watson was born in Paris, France on April 15, 1990. She is mostly known for her role of Hermione Granger in the 'Harry Potter' movie series, and her role as Sam in the film adaptation of Stephen Chbosky's 'The Perks Of Being A Wallflower.'

The Gentlewoman is also known as Lady Macbeth's servant/maid. She is almost always at her side to attend to her every need.



Sean Connery (Captain)

Thomas Sean Connery was born on August 25, 1930 in Edinburgh, Scotland. His first major role was in 'No Road Back', and what followed was many TV-movies including 'Macbeth.' His breakthrough, however, came when he starred as James Bond in 'Dr. No' (1962).

The Captain is the Captain of the Scottish Guard, the King's knights. He tells the story of a battle with Macbeth.



Costumes

The costumes for this play will be variations of modern day outfits. Examples are shown below.



Lady Macbeth



Macbeth

Stage Setup

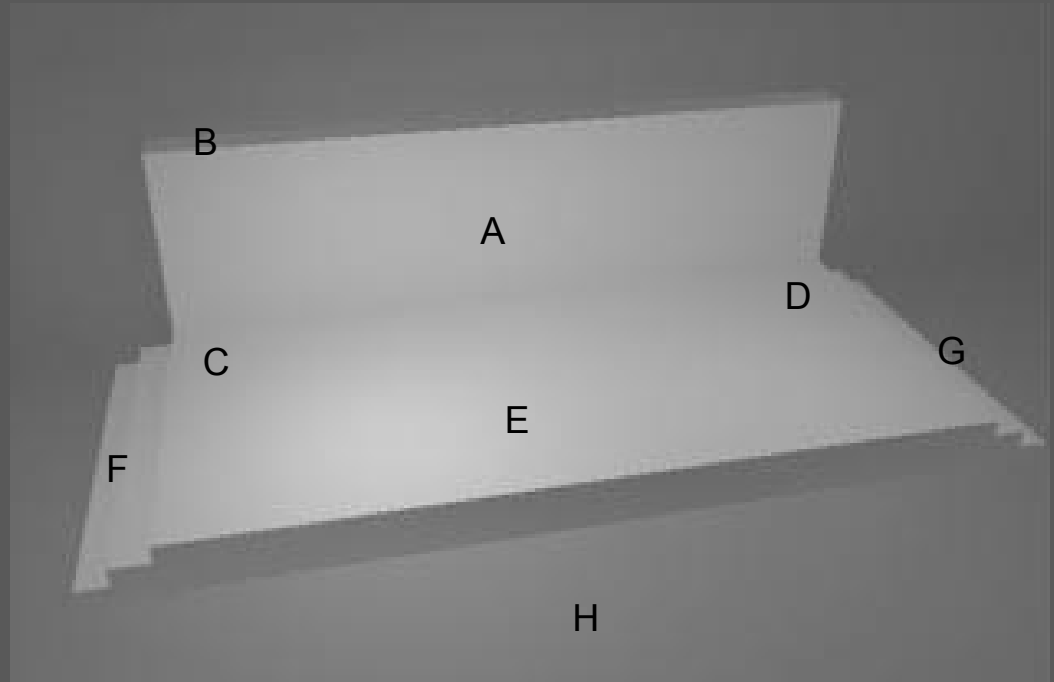
Here is a small diagram of what our stage setup looks like.

A-Here will be the backdrop for our performance. It does change throughout the course of the play, based on the setting of the scene.

B-This represents our lighting setup, directly above the stage. This will be used to help set the mood of different scenes.

C+D- Here will be some large props used to really make a scene's setting come to life. There might be a tower here, a small house, among other things.

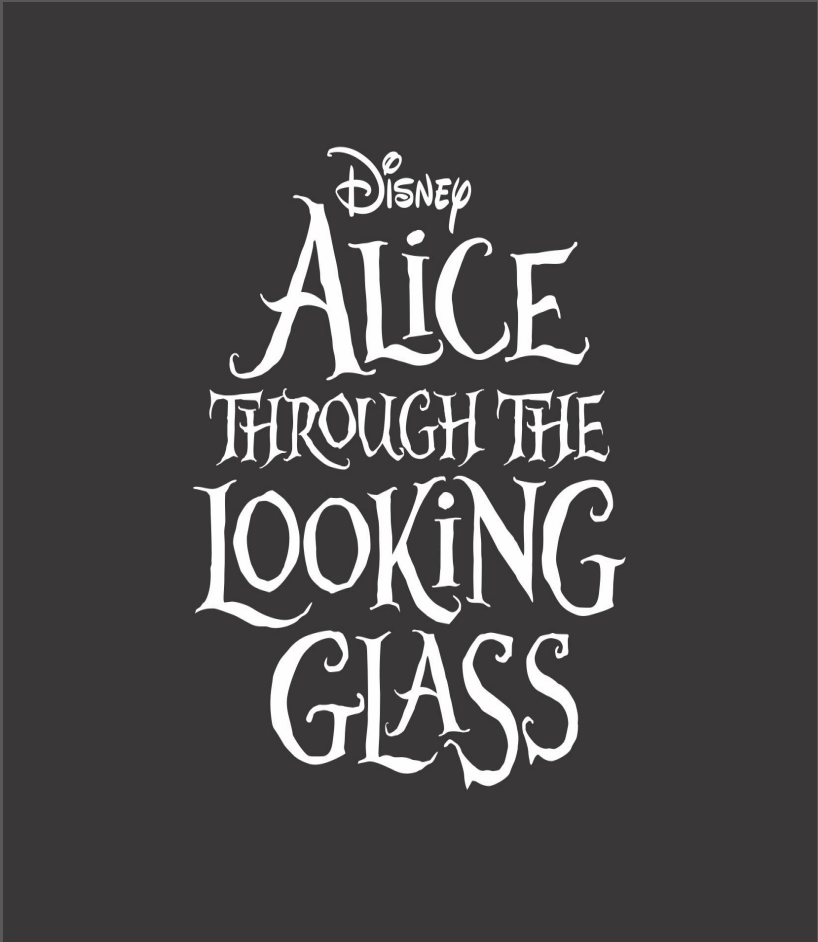
E- Here represents center stage and everything around it is the main stage, where all of our actors will perform.



F+G-These are the two exits/entrance for our actors

H- This is where the audience shall sit and watch the book come to life.

Loved seeing Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter? See them again as the Mad Hatter and the Queen of Hearts in Tim Burton's 'Alice Through the Looking Glass,' the sequel to his version of 'Alice in Wonderland.'

The image shows the title card for the Disney movie 'Alice Through the Looking Glass'. The word 'Disney' is at the top in its signature script. Below it, 'ALICE' is written in a large, white, gothic-style font. Underneath 'ALICE', the words 'THROUGH THE' are written in a smaller, white, gothic-style font. The words 'LOOKING' and 'GLASS' are stacked vertically below 'THROUGH THE', also in the same large, white, gothic-style font. The entire title is centered on a dark grey background.

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Enjoy Tim Curry's amazing performances? Want to see more? How about seeing him star as Dr. Frank-N-Furter in the 1975 thriller 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show ?!' Celebrating their 40th anniversary, they have released a Deluxe Blu-Ray disc set! "So, come up to the lab, and see what's on the slab..."

