

CORIOLANUS

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



THE QUESTORS THEATRE CO.

First Performance: Saturday

The Tragedy of

Date

The play was probably written around 1608; certainly towards the end of Shakespeare's writing career. It contains several references to the events of that period and the verse has many similarities to those works which we term as his 'late plays'.

Source

The tragedy is taken from the writings of Plutarch, an historian who wrote the biographies of many great Romans and Greeks. These were written around 100 A.D. and were translated into English by Sir Robert North in 1579.

Plot

The action moves between Rome, Corioli and Antium, long before Rome could be regarded as a world power—probably around 400 B.C.

Caius Martius is a Roman general who, for his deeds in a victorious battle against the Volsces, is named Coriolanus.

An attempt by his friends to have him elected Consul upon his return to Rome, is thwarted by the newly elected Tribunes to the People, Sicinius and Brutus. They incite the citizens against him and he is banished from the city.

In revenge, he joins his old enemy Tullus Aufidius and leads an army to the walls of Rome. His friends and family are sent to him to plead for mercy; finally his mother prevails and he decides not to attack the city itself.

Tullus Aufidius, then incites the Volscian people against him and Coriolanus is killed.



y, 1st November, 1975

Coriolanus

CAST

Caius Martius ALAN CHISHOLM
(afterwards Coriolanus)

his friends:

Cominius MICHAEL LANGRIDGE

Titus Lartius IAN CLARKE

Menenius Agrippa BRIAN VICARY

Valeria CATHY JONES

Volumnia — *his mother* CAROLINE McDONOUGH

Virgilia — *his wife* ALISON POLLARD

Young Martius *his son* ANDREW AGATE or
DOMINIC CYRIAX or
JULIAN PRYCE

Sicinius Velutus) *Peoples* MICHAEL LOUGHNAN

Junius Brutus) *tribunes* GRAHAM WILLIAMS

Tullus Aufidius — *A Volsc* WYLLIE LONGMORE

*Roman and Volscian Lords,
Senators, Soldiers, Citizens, etc.:*

GLYNN CAREN, JULIA COOKE, JOHN DAVEY,
DAVID EMMET, PETER FIELD, DORINNE INGRAM,
ROBIN INGRAM, CHRISTOPHER LEE,
RICHARD LEWIS, PAUL O'CONNOR,
ROSEMARY PARRY JONES, JOHN ROBB,
PHILLIP SHEAHAN, DAVID WILSON, FRANK WYSE.

ACT I

Interval of 15 Minutes

ACT II

Directed by TONY HILL

Designed by BRIAN RICH

Music composed by MICHAEL CARVER and played by
MICHAEL CARVER & JULIAN HUNT.

Costumes by The Royal Shakespeare Company, Stratford-on-Avon.

Stage Manager

ALAN YEATES

Deputy Stage Managers

JILLIAN GEE, NEIL DOBSON

Assistant Stage Managers

JANE BEADSMORE, BABETTE BURDEN,
CHARLIE HOOPER, ANITA O'CONNELL,
JANE STEWART, SUE FALLOWS.

Wardrobe

MARY ANDERSON

Assisted by

JANET WOOLBAR, JUDITH HALSWORTH and
members of The Questors wardrobe department.

Design Assistant

JOHN BUSH

Construction

RICHARD CUSHING

Assisted by

DENIS BLAKELOCK,
JOHN HAZEL,
KEITH TYLER

Lighting Design

BRUCE COWAN

Assisted by

HEATHER COWAN
ZOE DONLON

Sound

STEVE SHEDLOCK

EXHIBITION

During the run of *Coriolanus* there will be an exhibition of paintings by John Stacey.

DISCUSSION

A discussion is held after each production by The Questors, to which all members are invited.

The discussion on *Coriolanus* will be held after the performance on Saturday, 15th November, in the Foyer.

REFRESHMENTS

Sandwiches and coffee are available in the Foyer before performances, and refreshments will be served during the interval.

FOYER BAR

The Foyer Bar is open on performance evenings from 7.00 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. and during the interval.

It operates on a theatre licence and anyone attending a performance may use it, including guests. No bar membership is involved.

Interval drinks may be ordered at the bar before the performance commences.

The Grapevine Club continues as a private bar.

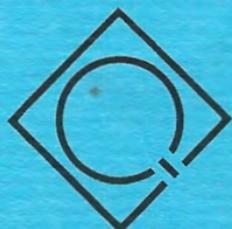
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THE AUDITORIUM.**

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INTO THE AUDITORIUM.**

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567 5184 *Box Office*

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December 31 to January 10

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by Edgar Wallace

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