

SHAKESPEARE



ON SCREEN

Week Nine

Welcome to *Shakespeare On Screen*

Week Nine

Welcome back to *Shakespeare on Screen*.

In our penultimate week, we're looking, in large part, at *Macbeth*, of the last plays to have been adapted in multiple forms for television and cinema, although *Antony and Cleopatra* has fared slightly better than *Coriolanus*, *Pericles* & *Cymbeline*.

Macbeth, like some of the other heavy hitters we've covered, has been revisited by many major filmmakers, for cinema and television, including the returning Orson Welles, Akira Kurosawa (with *Throne of Blood*) and most recently one half of the Coen Brothers, whose highly regarded monochrome brings Denzel Washington back to cinematic Shakespeare.

I'm not especially superstitious but I have been an actor for a long time and I have gone back and forth over whether or not I have to exclusively refer to it at the Scottish play during our session.

I've decided I'm going to risk naming it, but if Week Ten is presented via Zoom from a hospital bed, then you know what happened.

Coriolanus, at least, does have one modern major feature adaptation from director & star Ralph Fiennes and featured in the 1963 series, *The Spread of the Eagle*, which tackled the Roman plays in a similar, albeit less successful fashion to *The Age of Kings*.

For the others, we're largely restricted to the BBC Television Shakespeare, other than a couple of oddments.

When shall we meet again? Wednesday.

WEEK NINE FILMS

Macbeth

Duel Scene from Macbeth (1905)

Billy Bitzer

Macbeth (1948)

Orson Welles

Throne of Blood (1957)

Akira Kurosawa

Macbeth (1971)

Roman Polanski

Macbeth (1978)

Trevor Nunn

Macbeth (2015)

Justin Kurzel

A Floresta que se Move (2015)

Vinicius Coimbra

The Tragedy of Macbeth (2021)

Joel Coen

Antony and Cleopatra

Antony and Cleopatra (1972)

Charlton Heston

Antony and Cleopatra (1974)

Trevor Nunn

Antony and Cleopatra (1981)

Jonathan Miller

Coriolanus

The Spread of the Eagle (1963)

Peter Dews

Coriolanus (1984)

Elijah Moshinsky

Coriolanus (2011)

Ralph Fiennes

Pericles

Pericles (1984)

David Jones

Pericles by Shakespeare on the Road (2018)

Roberto Quagliano

Cymbeline

Cymbeline (1983)

Elijah Moshinsky

Shakespeare Biography

Anonymous (2011)

Roland Emmerich