



## Are you interested in the works of Shakespeare?

Here is an invitation to drop in one Saturday afternoon to listen to one of the Melbourne Shakespeare Society's READINGS . These readings of the complete plays of William Shakespeare, in basic chronological order, take place on the **second Saturday of each month** (except January).

The rehearsed readings are performed by Society members in the Ballroom of the English Speaking Union at 146 Toorak Road West, South Yarra (between Punt and St Kilda Roads). Public transport access is via the Toorak Road tram or Punt Road bus.

The Society's members are a varied lot, ranging across ages and backgrounds, but all imbued with an abiding passion for the language and humanity of our greatest bard. For most of them their introduction to the Society was through attendance at a reading. The liveliness of the readings and the welcoming atmosphere made them come back. What makes the readings so popular with members is the fact that they can take part in a Shakespearean play without having to worry about forgetting their lines! After a while a visitor may decide to become a member and put up his or her hand for a reading part. Active participation is encouraged and because the readings are rehearsed on the Saturday before, the presentation is generally quite polished.

Full details of the 2010 program are available on the Society's website [www.home.vicnet.net.au/~bard/](http://www.home.vicnet.net.au/~bard/) or just Google **Melbourne Shakespeare Society**.

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Special discount tickets to Seniors Card holders.



FortyFiveDownstairs presents:

**“Do not go gentle... “**

By Patricia Cornelius

Directed by Julian Meyrick

Composer: Irine Vela

Cast: Paul English, Jan Friedl, Rhys McConnochie, Terry Norris, Anne Phelan, Pamela Rabe and Malcolm Robertson.

“Old age should burn... rage against the dying of the light” Dylan Thomas

The characters in *Do not go gentle...* are not settling in for their twilight years – they are in a ‘rage against the dying of the light’ as they make one last and enormous journey in their life.

A poignant and compelling drama, *Do not go gentle...* is set in a landscape of icy plateaux, deep crevasses and labyrinthine ice corridors – a sublime, mysterious and treacherous terrain that provides a brilliant background to the stories of characters battling the realities of ageing.

Cornelius’ metaphor of Scott’s ill-fated Antarctic expedition, juxtaposed with the parallel story of six vibrant and opinionated Australians, grapples with existential questions of love, death, loss, happiness and the lust to live life to its fullest.

**Dates: 6 –29 August 2010**

Times: 7.30pm Tuesday – Saturday      5.30pm Sunday

Venue: fortyfivedownstairs

45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne [info@fortyfivedownstairs.com](mailto:info@fortyfivedownstairs.com)

Bookings: 03 9662 9966    [fortyfivedownstairs.com](http://fortyfivedownstairs.com)

**Tickets: \$45 Full / \$40 Senior Card / \$37.50 Concession**

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Fancy yourself as a Master Chef?

This special course is aimed at men who would like to learn to cook; maybe someone who has lost their spouse or would like to enjoy the company of others.

The Salvation Army has funding for this program which will be held in Camberwell. **Transport is available and will be free to participants.**

**Participants will cook and then eat the meal with others so it will include socialising as well.**

Men with disabilities are welcome and women who would benefit from this program will not be excluded.

Please call Michelle on 0414 397 651 to let her know if you are interested in participating.