

# REVIEWS, REVIEWS, REVIEWS, REVIEWS, REVIEWS

## Stageonscreen DVDs

### Reviewed by Fenella Kelly

Do you find it hard to source quality live theatre in your country or on DVD? If the answer is 'yes', then maybe Stageonscreen is what you need for your classroom! Last year saw the launch of a new project at the Greenwich Theatre, London, where plays were filmed for use in the classroom, "because plays were written to be seen". The plays that were filmed last year were 'The School for Scandal', 'The Duchess of Malfi', 'Volpone' and 'Dr Faustus'. Most of the Theatrical Company are from the National Theatre, RSC, or The Globe, and the standard of the productions I have seen is very high. The filming is overseen by Broadcast Director, Chris Cowey, who ran 'Top of the Pops' for 10 years, and has also filmed Madonna, Rolling Stones, and Beyonce concerts. Each DVD comes with the play, interviews with members of the production crew and performers, and a mastershot DVD for editing practice, which is useful for any film or media student that wants to film live performances.

I have found the collection of DVDs and support materials an excellent supplement to my GCSE, IB Theatre course and teacher training, as the DVDs cover all aspects of production, and, subtitles make the plays and interviews accessible to students of all nationalities.

The company also has a website ([www.stageonscreen.com](http://www.stageonscreen.com)) which also has a lot of in depth info about the productions themselves (including the programme, costume designs, stills etc), the play and a host of ideas and plans, etc for teaching the text in the classroom.

If teachers are interested then they can visit the website and sign up/register in 'The Green Room', where education and behind the scenes documents can be found.

Next year's season of plays has not been finalised yet, but if you have suggestions then they can be made once you have registered on the website. At the moment Greek theatre is a popular request as are 'The Spanish Tragedy' and 'The White Devil', that will continue the Elizabethan series.

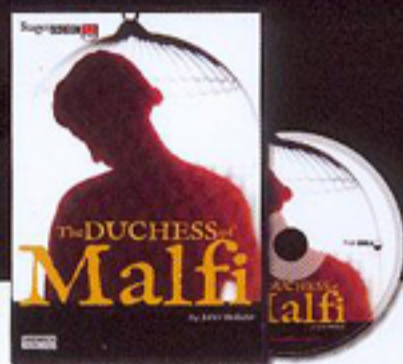
The education pack costs £35.00, a complete bargain, equivalent to the price of a couple of theatre tickets! So get yours now, for your classroom or for your school library.

For more details visit the website or contact: Phil Rees, Director, Stage on Screen Ltd, 20 Thayer St, London. W1U 2DD. Telephone: 0203 174 3249. Mobile: 07720 040 435

*One of the many great benefits of being a teacher in the ISTA community is the material we get to 'pinch' in the nicest kind of way from other teachers. If at any time you have books, websites, ideas for class work, projects, performances, theatre companies, or any other category of 'resources' that you know other teachers would be able to use, please send these to me, and I'll include them in future issues of Scene. Thank you!*

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