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WNET.ORG and Illuminations, in Association With the BBC, Announce Co-Production of Shakespeare's Tragedy *Macbeth*

THIRTEEN's *Great Performances* Series to Air Film-for-Television Adaptation Starring Recently Knighted Sir Patrick Stewart in Late 2010

Following a London West End run in December 2007, a sold-out limited engagement at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in March 2008 and a subsequent eight-week run on Broadway, director **Rupert Goold's** gripping stage production of *Macbeth*—starring **Sir Patrick Stewart** in a triumphant, Tony-nominated performance—has been filmed for television in a co-production agreement between WNET.ORG and Illuminations Television, in association with the BBC. The production will be presented on PBS by the *Great Performances* series on a to-be-determined airdate later in 2010.

Great Performances is a production of THIRTEEN in association with WNET.ORG—one of America's most prolific and respected public media providers.

Originating at England's innovative **Chichester Festival Theatre**, director Goold's exciting interpretation relocates the bloody action to a nameless 20th-century netherworld. Tony-nominated **Kate Fleetwood** also returns to reprise her performance as Lady Macbeth.

Shot in High Definition on UK locations, Goold maintains the atmosphere and tone of the critically acclaimed stage production, heightening the Shakespearean classic with an edgy style reminiscent of Illuminations' recent film adaptation of the Royal

Shakespeare Company's *Hamlet*, which will be broadcast on THIRTEEN'S *Great Performances* on PBS on April 28, 2010 ([check local listings](#)).

Great Performances is funded by the Irene Diamond Fund, the National Endowment for the Arts, the LuEsther T. Mertz Charitable Trust, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, public television viewers and PBS. For *Great Performances*, Bill O'Donnell is series producer; David Horn is executive producer. For *Illuminations*, John Wyver and Sebastian Grant are producers.

Visit **Great Performances Online** at www.pbs.org/gperf for additional information about this and other programs.

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