



## **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY – KEY DATES**

- 2013** Royal Shakespeare Company announces the start of live broadcasts to cinemas across the world starting with Richard II on 13 November
- 2012** Gregory Doran appointed as Artistic Director
- 2012** World Shakespeare Festival
- 2011** The RSC celebrates its 50th Birthday Season from April – December
- 2011** Her Majesty The Queen officially opens the transformed Royal Shakespeare Theatre on 4 March
- 2010** Royal Shakespeare and Swan Theatres reopen in November for preview events and activities, 18,000 people visit the building in the first week
- 2009** Second long ensemble begins its 2½ year journey, opening in The Courtyard with The Winter's Tale
- 2008** Cycle of Shakespeare's eight History plays transfers to the Roundhouse in London
- 2007** Royal Shakespeare Theatre and Swan Theatre are closed for construction work to begin
- 2006** Complete Works Festival starts – a year-long event working with visiting theatre companies from around the world  
The Courtyard Theatre opens as a temporary 1000-seat theatre  
RSC ensemble company of actors appointed on long-term contracts
- 2004** Tragedies Season launched and the start of public understudy runs
- 2003** Michael Boyd appointed as Artistic Director
- 2001** RSC leaves the Barbican
- 1996** The RSC begins to develop plans for redeveloping its Stratford site
- 1991** Purpose-built new The Other Place opens
- 1991** Adrian Noble becomes Artistic Director
- 1986** Swan Theatre created from shell of the 1879 theatre
- 1986** Terry Hands becomes Artistic Director
- 1982** London operations move to the Barbican, leased from the City of London
- 1974** The Other Place created from a former store/rehearsal room in Stratford

**1968** Trevor Nunn becomes Artistic Director

**1963** First Arts Council subsidy

**1961** Chartered name of the corporation and the Stratford theatre become the Royal Shakespeare Theatre

**1958** Peter Hall becomes Artistic Director.  
Aldwych Theatre leased in London and Stratford/ London operations begin

**1948** Anthony Quayle becomes Artistic Director

**1932** New Shakespeare Memorial Theatre opens, designed by Elisabeth Scott

**1926** Auditorium and stage destroyed by fire.

Chairman Sir Archibald Flower raises rebuilding funds, mostly in the USA

**1925** Royal Charter granted on 50th anniversary of incorporation

**1913** First tour to the USA

**1879** Shakespeare Memorial Theatre opens

**1875** Shakespeare Memorial Theatre Ltd. Incorporated is created