William Shakespeare
Hamlet

John Gielgud's classic 1948 recording

Bernardo	**Richard Williams**	Rosencrantz	**Bryan Coleman**
Francisco	**Stanley Groome**	Guildenstern	**John Chandos**
Horatio	**Sebastian Shaw**	First Player	**Hugh Griffith**
Marcellus	**Anthony Jacobs**	Player Queen	**Denise Bryer**
Claudius	**Andrew Cruickshank**	Fortinbras	**Andrew Faulds**
Voltimand	**Hugh Manning**	Captain	**Denis McCarthy**
Laertes	**Hugh Burden**	Gravediggers	**Charles Leno/Preston Lockwood**
Polonius	**Baliol Holloway**	Priest	**Arthur Ridley**
Hamlet	**John Gielgud**	Osric	**Esme Percy**
Gertrude	**Marian Spencer**	Gentleman	**Alastair Duncan**
Ophelia	**Celia Johnson**		
Ghost	**Leon Quartermaine**		
Reynaldo	**Frank Atkinson**		

Directed by **John Richmond**

Sir John Gielgud's portrayal of Hamlet is the hallmark of all Hamlets. While Gielgud played the part over 500 times, this remarkable recording captures one of his finest performances. The passion, mental turmoil and frustration are vividly portrayed, both intensely moving and disturbing. Gielgud's performance is touched by wit and moments of comic brilliance. His masterful command of Shakespeare's poetry flows effortlessly. Gielgud becomes Hamlet; every inch of his being embodies the complexities of this flawed character. Issued for the first time on CD, the recording conveys the subtleties of the Shakespearean text in perfect detail, showcasing Gielgud's skilful execution of literature's greatest play.

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