

Students have right to know “Most gentle expressor of nature”

**With a combination of wit, true knowledge and explanations of Shakespeare’s situation drawn from today’s life Patrick Spottiswoode fascinated a ”crowd“ of about 300 students at the HVG in Blomberg. It was a show many of the attendants were surprised to “hear”.**

Spottiswoode who has been giving such lectures for fifteen years, especially drew attention to the condition of theatre, actors and the English language during the Elizabethan era.

According to him, “good reasons for teaching Shakespeare are often not given in class.” His goal is to give pupils who “consider Shakespeare as dull“ a second chance to get to appreciate his works.

Especially having to perform plays like ‘Romeo and Juliet’, ‘Macbeth’ or ‘Twelfth Night’ on stage, “you really get to know and like him”, something the Director of Globe Education London experienced himself in High School. “Later I had a great College professor who taught me a lot of things about Shakespeare”, P. Spottiswoode tells of his own past.

He does not consider a single play as his favorite one. “The play which I am currently working on is the one I am most interested in.” At the moment this play is ‘Othello’, which will be performed in ‘The Globe’ next season. He discovered an underlying theme in this play which can be applied to the European attitude towards Islam. “And I think it is important for us to know more about the Muslim religion today.” Apart from that this play also includes some of Shakespeare’s main topics such as love and insecurity.

Shakespeare, a “happy imitator of nature” , as he was called by two of his colleagues, is best in “observing the human character.” “The fact that he is a most gentle expressor of the human condition legitimates his position in European education” and World Literature. Considering the stunning performance of Patrick Spottiswoode this message will certainly be remembered in Blomberg.

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Link zu einem Interview mit Patrick Spottiswoode:

<http://www.majaeger.de/site/school/patrick.htm>