

## Workshop Plan: Act 5, scene 3 Richard III

### Objectives:

- *Introduce the plot of the play and Richard's character.*
- *All participants work with communicating a bit of text*
- *Perform a short scene with understanding of the Globe audience.*
- *Have fun!!*

*Opening: An Elizabethan game to warm up: "Run Old Bear"*

### Body:

1. *Elements exercise: earth, water, fire, air.*
2. *Add line, "despair and die." Say it as earth, water, fire, air.*
3. *Distribute lines of text.*
  - *Say the lines very slowly.*
  - *Walk and say the lines and point to various parts of the audience in the Globe.*
  - *Say as earth, water, fire, air. Then decide how to say your line.*
  - *Return to circle. Discuss: who are these people? What do we know about Richard?*
4. *Blind Man's Bluff game*
5. *Organize performance. Richard stands in warrior archetype. Each ghost comes forward, speaks to Richard, and he responds by becoming more twisted.. After each ghost speaks, group responds "despair and die" beginning as air, water, fire, then earth.*

### Conclusion:

*Circle: What do you see yourself as being most? Earth, Air, Fire, Water?*

*What to you want to know about the play?*

1. Prince Edward: Think how thou stab'st me in my prime of youth At Tewkesbury.
2. Henry: When I was mortal, my anointed body by thee was punched full of holes.
3. Clarence: I, that was washed to death with fulsome wine, Poor Clarence, by thy guile betrayed to death.
4. Rivers: Let me sit heavy on thy soul tomorrow, Rivers that died at Pomfret.
5. Grey: Think upon Grey, and let thy soul despair.
6. Vaughan: Think upon Vaughan, and with guilty fear Let fall thy lance.
7. Hastings: Bloody and guilty, guiltily awake And in a bloody battle end thy days.
8. Princes: Dream on thy cousins smothered In the Tower.
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9. Anne: Richard, thy wife, that wretched Anne, thy wife,  
That never slept a quite hour with thee,  
Now fills thy sleep with pertubations.

10. Buckingham: The first was I that helped thee to the crown.  
The last was I that felt thy tyranny.

11. Richard: Have mercy, Jesu! Soft, I did but dream.