



## Stratford Salutes Sir Derek Walcott

*The Shakespeare Centre*  
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*Stratford-upon-Avon*  
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*5pm-6pm*



In 1991, the Royal Shakespeare Company commissioned a version of Homer's *The Odyssey* from Sir Derek Walcott (1930-2017). At the time, the St Lucian poet and playwright's Homeric epic *Omeros* had witnessed wide acclaim, eventually helping to earn him the Nobel Prize in Literature (awarded in 1992). Walcott agreed to the project, working tirelessly to draft the final script. *The Odyssey* was directed by Gregory Doran (now the current Artistic Director), and premiered in 1992, gaining glowing reviews from theatrical critics. This was to be a work of great artistic vision and a demonstration that Walcott was as skilled a playwright as a poet. As a tribute to this great talent, SBT Research Advocate Miranda Jones (University of Birmingham) will discuss *The Odyssey* using material from the SBT archives, illuminated by readings from Walcott's work.

Free admission, no booking required, all welcome.

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