



AS HENRY V

Clipping from an article titled "Gwen Lally: A London Actress in Masculine Roles." Folger Scrapbook B.67.1

Gwen Lally (1882-1963) was an actress, dramatist, lecturer, and later pageant master. This clipping from an article titled "Gwen Lally: A London Actress in Masculine Roles" highlights a possibly one-off performance in 1916, during the tercentenary celebrations of Shakespeare's death and the First World War. The article discusses the trend of women taking on male roles (in many senses during wartime), but it's wrong when it says that "Miss Lally has introduced this idea of girls taking men's parts" -- there are many examples of women playing male roles in Shakespearean plays, including the role of the ideal king, Henry V. This magazine clipping appears in a scrapbook held at the Folger Shakespeare Library. While the original scrapbooker is unknown, the book was purchased before 1925 and most of the clippings date to before 1920.

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