

## Henry Fuseli's drawings illustrating Shakespeare's plays



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### Macbeth and Lady Macbeth from 'Macbeth' Act II, Scene 2

Macbeth: "I'll go no more. I am afraid to think what I have done. Look on't again I dare not."

Lady Macbeth: "Infirm of purpose! Give me the daggers."

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To celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shakespeare's death the BSCC in London is hosting an exclusive single-evening exhibition of the drawings illustrating Shakespeare's plays by the famous Swiss artist, Johann Heinrich Füssli 1741-1825, known in London as Henry Fuseli.

Fuseli, whose artistic talents were encouraged in England where he became a noted artist, is a fine example of those special connections that exist between Switzerland and Great Britain that the BSCC works to foster. Several of his drawings have never been on display before.

The exhibition will be held in the beautiful Print and Drawings Study Room, an area of the museum not normally accessible to the public except by prior appointment.

The reception will be held in the print and drawings galleries and on arrival guests will enjoy champagne kindly supplied by the Swiss Cultural Fund prior to group viewings of the exhibition. There will be time to view the longer standing exhibition in the galleries and to meet other enthusiasts for the work of these two outstanding creative minds.

Fuseli considered Shakespeare's works contained everything conventional literature was lacking – imagination, action combined with suspense, clearly drawn characters and great fantasy. He used Shakespeare's plays, which he knew by heart, as a compass in his understanding of the world.

*This is a special opportunity to view Henri Fuseli's interpretation Shakespeare's characters - available for one evening only!*

#### A message from the BSCC President: Anne-Marie de Weck

I wish all in attendance a wonderful evening and look forward to meeting members  
and their guests in the coming years.

**When:** 18.45 - 22.00 - 5th October 2016

**Where:** The Prints & Drawings Gallery (G90) & Study Room, The British Museum, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3DG

**How much:** BSCC members & Friends of the British Museum Drawings Room: £90.00 pp / Non-members £150.00 pp

*Places are limited therefore registrations will be handled strictly on a first-come first-served basis.*

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#### When

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

6:45 PM - 10:00 PM

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