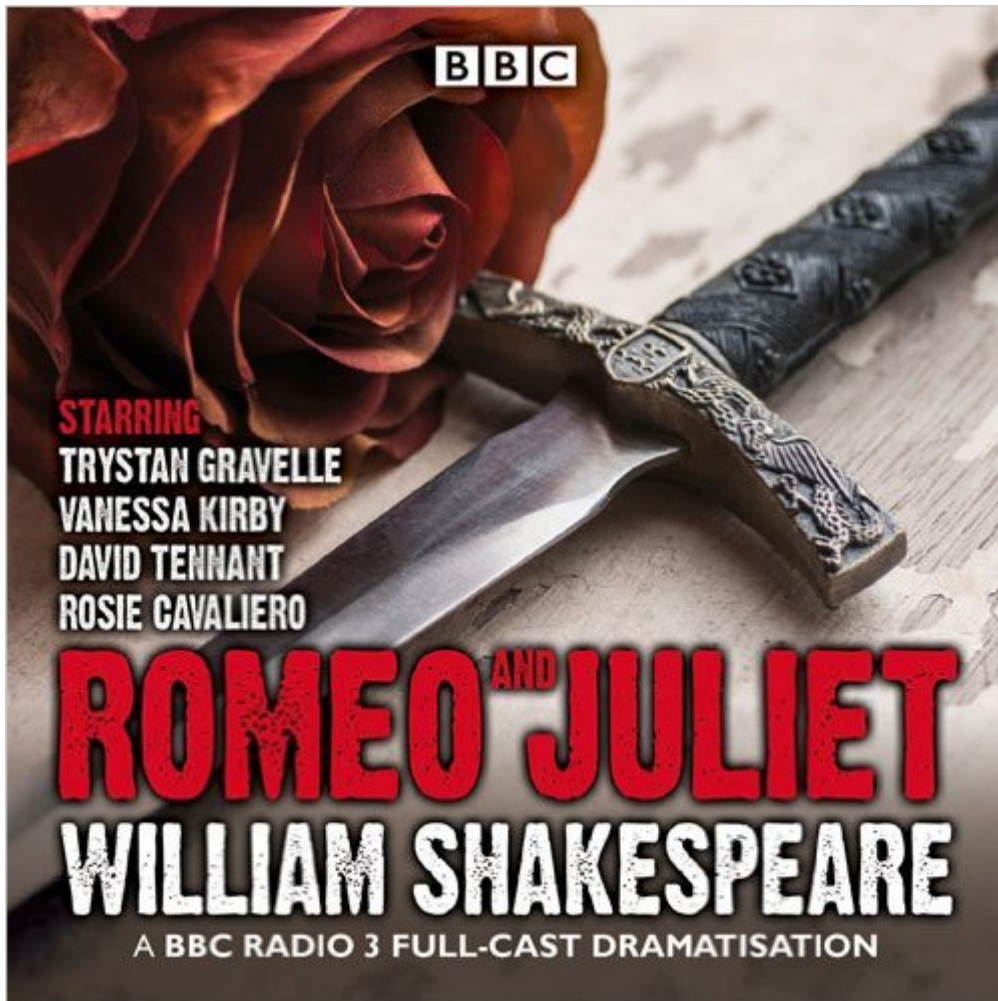


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A full-cast BBC Radio production of Shakespeare's quick-witted summer tragedy. In a town full of hatred, where the streets ring with the Capulet/Montague feud, and swords are too easily drawn, Romeo and Juliet find each other - and love - and never let go. In Shakespeare's famous play, first performed in 1595, the warring Capulets and Montagues have been sworn to keep the peace on pain of death. When Capulet's daughter Juliet meets Montague's son Romeo at a masked ball, they immediately fall in love. With the help of Friar Lawrence and Juliet's Nurse, the pair decide to marry in secret. Disaster strikes when Romeo is banished for murder, and flees after just one night with his new wife. Juliet, meanwhile, is betrothed against her wishes to Count Paris. Friar Lawrence intervenes to help, but tragedy is at hand. Rising young stars Trystan Gravelle and Vanessa Kirby play the star-crossed lovers, with David Tennant as Prince Escalus, Rosie Cavaliero as the Nurse, and Ron Cook as Friar Lawrence.

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I've heard this play way too many times to count. I rank this recording in the top five, maybe number one. Yes, there are some cuts to the text but the drama more than makes up for it. I give high marks to Trystan Gravelle. He is what I expect Romeo to be like: passionate, romantic, dramatic. You don't want to stand in his way or you will be sorry. And the part when he receives the news of Juliet's "death" will break your heart. It was also delightful to hear David Tennant's voice! He was a fantastic Mercutio in the Arkangel recording of R&J. He takes a turn as Escalus in this production. Give this a listen, you won't be sorry!!

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