

John Andrews, Founder, The Shakespeare Guild

John F. Andrews is a board member of the New Mexico Performing Arts Society. A native of Carlsbad, he holds degrees from Princeton (A.B.) , Harvard (M.A.T.), and Vanderbilt (Ph.D.). He has taught at several universities, among them Florida State, Georgetown, and George Washington.

Mr. Andrews spent a decade as Director of Academic Programs at the Folger Shakespeare Library, editing *Shakespeare Quarterly* and overseeing a center for advanced studies in the Renaissance. He also chaired a National Advisory Panel for *The Shakespeare Plays*, a BBC series that brought the complete works to American viewers between 1979 and 1985, and helped spearhead a touring exhibition, *Shakespeare: The Globe and the World*, that took Folger treasures around the nation while the playwright's classics were being presented on television.

Mr. Andrews' publications include a 3-volume reference set, *William Shakespeare: His World, His Work, His Influence*, and two editions of the poems and plays, a 19-volume clothbound collection known as *The Guild Shakespeare* and an annotated 16-volume paperback compilation, *The Everyman Shakespeare*.

In 1987 Mr. Andrews founded the Shakespeare Guild, a global non-profit organization to foster a deeper appreciation of the world's most influential writer. In 1994 the Guild established the *Sir John Gielgud Award for Excellence in the Dramatic Arts* , an honor that has been presented to such notables as Judi Dench, Derek Jacobi, Kevin Kline, Ian McKellen, and Vanessa Redgrave.

Mr. Andrews has been interviewed on a number of radio and television stations, as well as on the Voice of America, NPR's *All Things Considered* and *Morning Edition*, and the *MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour*. He has also published articles in such periodicals as *The American Scholar*, the *Atlantic*, the *New York Times*, and the *Washington Post*.

On June 19, 2000, during a ceremony at the British Embassy in Washington, Mr. Andrews was inducted as an Honorary Officer into the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. He is the only OBE on the NMPAS board.