

MONOMANIA "their insular conventions" [LAST]

To the external world, Sherlockians must seem like a strange bunch.

We get together, often multiple times a year, in venues to eat, drink and listen to talks about a figure who dates from the 1880s.

Some take part in Victorian cosplay, others argue Sherlock Holmes was fictional (can you imagine?), and many debate over who was the best impersonator of Holmes on stage or screen.

This weekend marked the highly anticipated From Gillette to Brett V conference in Bloomington, Indiana, where 140 Sherlockians gathered to celebrate multiple iterations of Sherlock Holmes over the years.

Peter Cushing, Basil Rathbone, Arthur Wontner, Jeremy Brett, Jonny Lee Miller, and even Michael Caine were part of the program.

In one recorded interview with Jeremy Brett, he showed his appreciation for the admiration he received, but was very quick to point out he would be supplanted by someone else as the next generation found its ideal Sherlock Holmes.

This is of course nothing new to those who have followed great works of literature whose main characters have been reinvented, recreated, and resurrected for generation after generation.

In fact, the boys at Baker Street Elementary may be learning about one of those authors...

**ACCORDING TO THE LATEST DISPATCH FROM
AMERICA, OUR FRIENDS SCOTT AND BURT
ARE HELPING TO HOST AN INTERESTING
SYMPOSIUM THIS WEEKEND.**



'BURBAGE TO TERRY', THE DREAM OF THEIR CLASSMATES, MARK AND STEVE, WILL FOCUS ON BRINGING THE GREAT WRITER'S WORKS TO THE STAGE.



**SCOTT AND BURT WILL BE
INTERVIEWING ATTENDEES TO SEE WHY
THEY BELIEVE SHAKESPEARE IS STILL
RELEVANT, AND WHAT THE FUTURE
HOLDS IN SHAKESPEAREAN STUDIES.**

**STILL A MYSTERY TO
ME, THIS ADULATION
OVER ONE PERSON.**



LOOKS LIKE THEY HAVE A FEW SPECIAL GUESTS. CHARLOTTE CUSHMAN WILL BE DOING A DRAMATIC READING IN HER ROLE OF LADY MACBETH.

WAIT... WHAT?



IT ALSO SEEMS THEY HAVE ACQUIRED THE BOOTH BROTHERS, EDWIN, JOHN, AND JUNIUS. IF THEY PERFORM TOGETHER, THAT WOULD MAKE IT THE FIRST TIME THE BROTHERS WERE ON STAGE TOGETHER.

HOW IS THIS EVEN POSSIBLE?



REMEMBER, HOLMES, YOU ONCE SAID: ONCE YOU ELIMINATE THE POSSIBLE, WHATEVER IS LEFT, NO MATTER HOW IMPASSABLE, MUST BE THE ANSWER.

I... I DID NOT EVER... THAT MAKES NO SENSE, WATSON. MUCH LESS ANSWERS HOW KIDS YOUNGER THAN US ARE ABLE TO CONDUCT AN EVENT OF THIS SCALE...

