

John Mortimer (Estate)

Playwright/Author

John Mortimer was a playwright, novelist and, prior to that, a practising barrister. During the war he worked for the Crown Film Unit and published a number of novels before turning to the theatre. He wrote many film scripts and radio and television plays including six plays on the life of Shakespeare for ATV, SHADES OF GREENE for Thames, UNITY MITFORD for BBC, the adaptation of Evelyn Waugh's novel BRIDESHEAD REVISITED for Granada, a television adaptation of his highly-successful stageplay A VOYAGE ROUND MY FATHER for Thames Television, THE EBONY TOWER (an adaptation of John Fowles' novel) for Granada, EDWIN for Anglia and an adaptation of his best-selling novel PARADISE POSTPONED was produced for television by Euston Films. His adaptation from his own novel SUMMER'S LEASE was transmitted by the BBC.



John's adaptation of Feydeau's A FLEA IN HER EAR which premiered at the National Theatre at the Old Vic on 8 February 1966 was revived by The Old Vic Theatre (in association with Sonia Friedman Productions) in 2010.

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Credits

Film

Production	Company	Notes
TEA WITH MUSSOLINI	Cattleya Productions	Screenplay Directed by Franco Zeffereilli with Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Cher

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MARY	Clasart Film	Directed by John Goldschmidt
A VOYAGE ROUND MY FATHER	Thames	Script based on original stageplay with Laurence Olivier, A Rakoff
JOHN AND MARY	Fox	Screenplay with Dustin Hoffman, Mia Farrow
THE DOCK BRIEF		
LUNCH HOUR		Screenplay

Television

Production	Company	Notes
LOVE AND WAR IN THE APPENINES	McGee Street Productions/Hall of Fame	Calum Blue
DON QUIXOTE	Hallmark/Robert Halmi/Turner	Starring John Lithgow
CIDER WITH ROSIE	Carlton	Adaptation of book by Laurie Lee
RUMPOLE OF THE BAILEY	Thames Television	7 x original 6 part series
TITMUSS REGAINED	Thames Television/New Penny Productions	3 part mini-series Directed by Martyn Friend
SUMMER'S LEASE	BBC	Original 4 part mini-series Directed by Martyn Friend
PARADISE POSTPONED	Euston Films	Original 6 part mini-series
THE EBONY TOWER	Granada	Adaptation of J Fowles story
BRIDESHEAD REVISITED	Granada	12 hour adaptation of Evelyn Waugh novel Charles Sturridge/Derek Granger
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE	ATV	Original mini series
SHADES OF GREENE	Thames Television	
MARRIED ALIVE	LWT	

Theatre

Production	Company	Notes
A VOYAGE ROUND MY FATHER	WEST END	
THE HAIRLESS DIVA	THE PALACE THEATRE WATFORD	
FULL HOUSE	THE PALACE THEATRE WATFORD	
NAKED JUSTICE	WEST YORKSHIRE PLAYHOUSE / BIRMINGHAM	

Production	Company	Notes
HOCK AND SODA WATER	CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE	
A LITTLE HOTEL ON THE SIDE		
A VOYAGE ROUND MY FATHER	WEST END	
A VOYAGE ROUND MY FATHER		
COME AS YOU ARE		
THE WRONG SIDE OF THE PARK		
THE DOCK BRIEF		
SHALL WE TELL CAROLINE		