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*The National Arts Club in association with The Shakespeare Guild and  
The English Speaking Union of New York requests the pleasure of your company*

*To honor*

*F. Murray Abraham*

*as the 2010 recipient of The Sir John Gielgud Award For Excellence in the Dramatic Arts*

*On Monday, September 20*

*Cocktails 6:30 PM; Dinner and Program 7:15 PM*

*Black Tie*

*15 Gramercy Park South, NYC*

We urge you to reserve quickly for a star-studded tribute to one of the most versatile artists of our time, a gathering at which actors **Tom Hulce, Zoe Caldwell, Holly Hunter, Jerry Stiller**, screenwriter **Ethan Coen**, authors **Harold Bloom, Ray Bradbury** and **James Shapiro**, Director **Robert Brustein** and other luminaries will salute F. Murray Abraham. Well known for his portrayal of composer Antonio Salieri in the 1984 film *Amadeus*, for which he won an Oscar, he is also admired for his stellar work in dozens of other films and on stage.

He was one of the stars of Mike Nichols' celebrated Broadway revival of Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* and, in 2007, his riveting Shylock was the highlight of a Theatre for a New Audience staging of *The Merchant of Venice* that won plaudits

in Stratford-upon-Avon as the culminating event of the Royal Shakespeare Company's unprecedented Complete Works Festival.

A dedicated teacher and a performer who has excelled in such Shakespearean roles as Bottom, Iago, Lear, Macbeth, Malvolio and Richard III, Mr. Abraham has appeared twice at the White House. Additionally, he has earned a loyal following for his work in TV hits like *Law and Order*, but particularly for his eloquence as the voice of *Nature* on PBS.

This event will benefit educational and cultural programs such as the Shakespeare Guild's monthly Speaking of Shakespeare series and the English-Speaking Union's annual Shakespeare Competition for high school students.

**Please RSVP by September 15.**



**Patron tickets at \$500 each (Includes premium seating and acknowledgement in the program)**

**Benefactor tickets at \$250 each (Includes select seating and acknowledgement in the program)**

**Subscriber tickets at \$125 each**

Proceeds per ticket in excess of \$85 are tax deductible.

Please send your check to The National Arts Club, noting the Gielgud Award Gala.

If you are unable to participate in the event, a tax-deductible contribution would be much appreciated. Reservations may also be made by calling (212) 475 3424 or by e-mail to [steve@thenationalartsclub.org](mailto:steve@thenationalartsclub.org).

You may pay by Visa, Mastercard or American Express.

Please give the names of your guests for the door list and table seating.

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