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# Othello: Lenny Henry In Shakespeare's Othello (BBC Radio Drama Full Cast Drama)



## Synopsis

Love, racism, jealousy and desire are at the emotional core of Shakespeares monumental tragedy; a tender love story shattered by one mans obsessive hatred of another. Othello is noble, brave, and victorious. Iago, passed over for a position in the army, fuels his diabolical revenge with hatred and snarling racism. Poignant, intense, and heartbreaking, Othello mercilessly explores every inch of the human condition. This BBC Radio production stars much-loved actor and comedian Lenny Henry, who won the Evening Standards Best Newcomer Award for his stunning performance as the tortured moor. First performed at the West Yorkshire Playhouse, it subsequently toured the country before arriving in Londons West End where Henry received rave reviews. Featuring the cast from the acclaimed West End production and with original music from Conrad Nelson, who also plays Iago, this mesmerising radio drama grips the listener from start to tragic finish.

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Compared with the BBC Radio plays collection, here you don't get a booklet with a play synopsis (not a bad thing as if the production doesn't make it clear what's going on, its not a good production), nor a profile of members of the cast. It's packaged in a single CD package (although its 2 CDs) rather than the clumsy doubles, but I wish they'd use the more environmental card packaging. But gone too is the rather dated cover image. Instead much is made of the lead role being taken by British stand up comedian and Shakespeare novice, Lenny Henry. And there's another plus point to this over the Radio Plays series - these guys have worked this production on stage and so there is a much more realistic and natural feel to the performance. Northern

Broadsides is proud of its Yorkshire base and we have a distinctly Yorkshire-voiced production here - even the raucous drinking session that is the downfall of Cassio is accompanied by what sounds like a good old Brass band. Here perhaps, without the visual indicators of Venice and Cyprus, it is more confusing than in the original production, but thankfully we are a long way passed believing that Shakespeare can only be performed in Gielgud-like diction so in the end, it matters little. It is a matter of interpretation as to whether you see Othello as a noble, trusting victim or as a bit of an egoistical maniac. Henry takes the trusting approach and there is a naive sincerity in his wooing of the poor Desdemona. And it works well. The simple dignity of Henry's Othello is touching and, when you recall that this is his first Shakespeare, it is a debut of outstanding quality.

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