

# Edinburgh International Book Festival 2018 – Mercurial Muriel's Sparkling Script



## *Muriel Spark's Doctors of Philosophy*

Our friends at The Edinburgh International Book Festival and Royal Lyceum Theatre proudly present ***Doctors of Philosophy***, Muriel Spark's only work written specifically for the stage. Performed in its entirety as a one-off rehearsed reading, edited by The Lyceum's Artistic Director David Greig and directed by Marilyn Imrie, it promises to be a 2018 Book Festival absolute must in August.

Extracts from the play, which has not been performed on stage in the UK since 1962, were received with great enthusiasm when presented in collaboration between the Book Festival and the Lyceum in January to celebrate the centenary of Muriel Spark's birth. Spark, who was born in Edinburgh and made her final visit to her home city in 2004 for an appearance at the Book Festival, was the author of 22 novels including the world renowned *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*. She was also a poet, playwright, essayist and literary critic whose work has

influenced a generation of Scottish writers.

<https://lyceum.org.uk/whats-on>

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**Performance Details:**

Sunday 19 August 2018, 17:30pm

Spiegeltent, Charlotte Square Gardens

Prices: £15 (£12)