Jim Devita celebrated Shakespeare’s Birthday!

American Players Theatre has been home for actor Jim DeVita for 18 magical seasons. In April 2012, FAME (with a “little help” from FAME friend Stephanie Quade) was thrilled to bring Jim to campus for a special performance of his one-man show, *In Acting Shakespeare*, adapted from Sir Ian McKellan’s *Acting Shakespeare*. Many comic moments in Jim’s show arise out of poignant contrasts between Sir Ian’s Cambridge training and Jim’s Long Island upbringing.

Students, faculty, staff, friends—now all huge Jim DeVita fans—heartyly enjoyed the play and reception afterwards. A certain Marquette president/English professor was even spotted in the packed house!

Annual FAME events

- Fall Lecture: Oct. 3, 2012
- Book Swap: January 27, 2013
- Shakespeare’s Birthday Event: April 23, 2013 (tentative)
“How The Hobbit Came to Milwaukee”

Happy Anniversary to J.R.R Tolkien’s The Hobbit!

Marquette, home to Tolkien’s manuscripts of The Hobbit, has big plans for this 75th anniversary year, starting with Dr. John D. Rateliff’s public lecture in the Raynor Library.

What: FAME and Marquette University Libraries presents Dr. John D. Rateliff in a public lecture celebrating the 75th anniversary of the publication of J. R. R. Tolkien’s The Hobbit

When: October 3 (Wednesday), 2012, 4:30 p.m.

Where: Raynor Library Beaumier Suites (Lower Level)

How: Space is limited so please telephone the library archives by noon on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd to pre-register: (414) 288-7256.

From the Raynor Memorial Website.

Dr. Rateliff will tell the story of how the Tolkien manuscripts came to reside at Marquette University in the late 1950s and why Professor Tolkien was never able to follow through on plans to visit Milwaukee. Dr. Rateliff is well suited to tell the tale, having spent nearly thirty years studying Tolkien’s papers at Marquette. He received his PhD. in English from Marquette in 1990, and has published extensively on Tolkien. Dr. Rateliff has presented numerous papers at academic conferences, including two hosted by Marquette University. Among his publications is the two-volume The History of the Hobbit, a definitive account of the writing of Tolkien’s first classic. Since The Hobbit’s publication in 1937, over 100 million copies have been sold, and the book has been translated into at least forty languages.

A reception will follow in the conference center lobby. The event is free and open to the Marquette and Milwaukee communities.

FAME Connects

Attention English Majors (Undergraduate and Graduate):

Want advice on “What To Do with an English Major?”

Then come to AMU 227 on Wed., October 24, 2012 at 4:30. Successful MU alumni will answer that question for you. They will share how the knowledge, methods, and skills learned in the study of literature and language can help you excel in the professional world.

Alumni will answer questions from a moderator and then from you. They will also stick around to mingle (ahem, network) at a dessert buffet after their panel!