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**Hamlet on Film: An Annotated Bibliography:
Comparative Study between Laurence Olivier's Hamlet and
Kenneth Branagh's One**

On this Annotated Bibliography

My aim in this project is the comparative study of Hamlet on film. I collected secondary sources in English: books, articles and dissertations about Laurence Olivier's Hamlet and Kenneth Branagh's one.

I intend to show the differences between the productions of the two Hamlets, and each society at that time. Olivier's Hamlet was made in 1948, which was 152 minutes and the black-and-white film. Olivier was influenced by the Oedipal complex, which was based on Freudian theory.

Branagh's Hamlet was made consciously against Olivier's film in 1996, which was 242 minutes and the colour film. Branagh showed international elements in his film by using a lot of Hollywood stars and Africa-American

performers. Branagh is evaluated as a great actor and director of Shakespearean stage and film now like Olivier was.

I collected the materials on Olivier's Hamlet from 1948 to the present and Branagh's one from 1996 to the present by using Book Review Digest, DAI, Humanities Index, MLAIB and NACSIS Webcat. Moreover, I treated three Shakespeare's bibliographies in order to find the materials of Olivier's Hamlet from 1948 to 1962: Julia Dietrich's Hamlet in the 1960's: An Annotated Bibliography. (New York: Garland, 1992), Randal F. Robinson's Hamlet in the 1950's: An Annotated Bibliography. (New York: Garland, 1984), and Gordon Ross Smith's A Classified Shakespeare Bibliography, 1936-1958. (Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania State UP, 1963).

The items are arranged in chronological order to help the tracing of the critical trends of each time. The items are divided into three parts: Laurence Olivier's Hamlet, Kenneth Branagh's Hamlet and Hamlet between Laurence Olivier and Kenneth Branagh. I added the key word's index to the end of this bibliography.

The study on Shakespeare's films is a new field and gradually penetrates into the traditional Shakespeare's study. I hope that this bibliography might be useful for the study on Shakespeare's films.

I. Laurence Olivier's Hamlet

¹ Herring, Robert. "Editorial." Life and Letters 57 (1948): 183-192.

Describes the casting of Olivier's Hamlet. Herring shows that Olivier's film loses the political aspect because of cutting some characters: Fortinbras, a successor of Denmark after Hamlet, and Rosencrantz and Guldenstern.

² "Hamlet: The Play and the Screenplay." Hollywood Quarterly 3 (1948): 293-300.

Suggests the difference between the play and the film at the so-called 'the nunnery scene' in Act III Scene i. In the film, the camera is close on the characters one after another and changes many shots.

³ "The Tragedy of Hamlet: Scenes from the Olivier Film Production." Life 15 Mar. 1948: 117-127.

Articles of Olivier's Hamlet with many photographs by N.R. Farbman. In the article, Olivier's film is admired as the most spectacular Hamlet ever produced and as the film with great poetry.

⁴ M.R. "At the Pictures: Hamlet-Daybreak-The Fatal Night." Punch 214 (1948): 446.

Examines the difference between the play and the film. Olivier had his own interpretation on Hamlet and omitted some characters and two important soliloquies.

⁵ Agee, James. "Olivier's Hamlet." Time 28 June.1948: 26-29.

Mentions that U.S. audiences admired Olivier's Hamlet as the intelligent, sensitive and beautiful film in Manhattan and Hollywood. Jean Simmons, who plays Ophelia, is evaluated as the talented actress with a freshness and clear humanity.

⁶ Birin, Julia. "Sir Laurence Olivier's Film Representation of Hamlet." Baconiana 32 (1948): 166-168.

Analyzes the world of Olivier's Hamlet. Birin suggests that Olivier encloses the humanity such as rage, madness and lust and also shows the loneliness of a man by making the setting and the camera work very plain.

⁷ Powell, Dilys. "Hamlet on the Screen." Britain Today July. 1948: 18-21.

Indicates the feature of Olivier's Hamlet. Powell

explains that time shortening from four and a half hours to two and a half hours, the character's omission and the plot's change make Olivier's Hamlet clarified and simple.

⁸ Boas, Guy. "Notes and Observations." English 7 (1948): 55.

Shows Olivier's Hamlet as the film without the resplendent poetry. Boas describes that Olivier's Hamlet is somber because of many murder and madness, the black and white setting, and Hamlet's melancholy thinking and hesitated action.

⁹ "Olivier Explains His Cinematic Approach to Hamlet." New York Times 19 Sep. 1948: 15.

Evaluates Olivier's Hamlet as a master-piece. This article depicts that Olivier's film is the natural art-medium and that it has the visual aspect of the art.

¹⁰ Crowther, B. Rev. of "Hamlet," dir. Laurence Olivier. New York Times 30 Sept. 1948: 32.

States the setting and the casting on Olivier's Hamlet. Olivier wisely used the black and white presentation connecting with Freudian idea, and also

omitted a lot of lines and some characters.

- ¹¹ Hopkins, Arthur. "Hamlet and Olivier." Theatre Arts 50 (1948): 30-31.

Thinks of Olivier as a heaven-bestowed artist.

Hopkins mentions that Olivier portrayed the sense of Oedipus in his Hamlet, and that Olivier's action is more important than the words in his film.

- ¹² Harper, Mr. "Citizen Dane." Harper's Magazine 197 (1948): 116-117.

The view of Boston about Olivier's Hamlet. Harper admires Olivier's one is the big, bold and brassy film, but focuses on this film's problems: too slow tempo, too long and the overstatement of his own presentation.

- ¹³ Lejeune, C. A. "The Bard Competes with the Body." New York Times Magazine 12 Dec. 1948: 24.

Indicates some problems on Olivier's Hamlet: cutting famous soliloquies, transposing the speaker's lines, changing some events and eliminating several characters.

- ¹⁴ Barbarow, George. "Hamlet through a Telescope." Hudson

Review 2 (1949): 98-112.

Defines that Olivier's Hamlet loses political and social elements. Barbarow explains that Olivier cuts the plot and changes the personalities of the characters.

¹⁵ Ashworth, John. "Olivier, Freud, and Hamlet." Atlantic Monthly May. 1949: 30-33.

Points out Olivier's action and his direction on Hamlet. Ashworth implies that Olivier's action is influenced by the Oedipus complex, which is based on Freudian idea.

¹⁶ Tyler, Parker. "Movie Letter: Hamlet and Documentary." Kenyon Review 1.3 (1949): 527-532.

Regards Olivier's Hamlet as the bad movie. Tyler comments that Olivier appeals the castle as the archaeological documentation and displaces the internal view of Hamlet as an individual drama into the external view as the Tragedy of the Elsinore.

¹⁷ Heckscher, M.D. "Communications." Kenyon review 1.4 (1949): 673-674.

Shows American reaction against Olivier's Hamlet. Heckscher indicates that American publications

condemn Olivier's Hamlet receiving the "Oscar," and Hollywood producers object Olivier's style of acting as unsentimental and unexpressive one.

¹⁸ McManaway, James G. "The Laurence Olivier Hamlet." Shakespeare Association Bulletin 24 (1949): 3-11. Considers Olivier's Hamlet as an exciting picture. McManaway argues that Olivier succeeds in appealing the poetic beauty, but Eileen Herlie, who plays Gertrude, is miscasting because she is younger than Olivier and their play is unnatural.

¹⁹ Babcock, R.W. "George Lyman Kitteredge, Olivier, and the Historical Hamlet." College English 11 (1950): 256-265. Discusses Olivier's idea on Hamlet. Babcock remarks that Olivier accepts George Lyman Kitteredge's theory in terms of Hamlet, which he taught at Harvard in 1916: the strong king and the honesty of the Ghost.

²⁰ Lessor, Simmon O. "Freud and Hamlet Again." American Imago 12.2 (1955) Refers to Olivier's Hamlet with Freudian theory. Lessor suggests that Freud mistakes his interpretation on Hamlet's hesitation, which Hamlet

hesitates by the reason for the desire of the thrown and his consciousness about its desire.

- ²¹ Skoller, Donald S. "Problems of Transformation in the Adaptation of Shakespeare's Tragedies from Play-Script to Cinema." Diss. New York U, 1969. Studies twelve film adaptations of Shakespeare's tragedies, including Olivier's Hamlet. Skoller regards Olivier's Hamlet as a blend of cinematic and theatrical modes.

[DAI 29 (1969): AAT6903197]

- ²² Singer, Sandra Sugarman. Laurence Olivier Directs Shakespeare: A Study in Film Authorship. n.p.: UMI, 1979.

Closely analyzes the verbal text and the visual text, such as the frame, the narrator, the circle, the theatre and the time, in terms of the Olivier's Hamlet.

- ²³ Brebach, Emily S. "From Olivier to Kozintsev: Visual Technique in Transforming Hamlet into Film." Shakespeare's Art from a Comparative Perspective 12 (1981): 67-81.

Compares Olivier's Hamlet in 1948 with the Russian

Hamlet directed by Grigori Kozintsev in 1964.

Breback displays that Olivier's Hamlet is more theatrical and expressionistic than Kozintsev's one, and Olivier uses studio setting and spoken words.

- ²⁴ Hardison, O.B. "Shakespeare on Film: The Developing Canon." Shakespeare's Art from a Comparative Perspective 12 (1981): 131-145.

Focuses on Olivier's interpretation derived from Ernest Jones. Hardison defines that the Oedipal frustration of Hamlet arose in the scene with Ophelia and with Gertrude, and that Olivier's Hamlet is not the tragedy but the melodrama.

- ²⁵ Kliman, Bernice W. "A Palimpsest for Olivier's Hamlet." Comparative Drama 17 (1983): 243-253.

Treats the script of the film to prove the creative process of the filmmaker. Kliman argues that Oliver tries to rearrange the script in relation to the setting, textual transpositions, camera movement and characters' action.

- ²⁶ Kliman, Bernice W. "The Spiral of Influence: 'One Defect' in Hamlet." Literature Film Quarterly 11.3 (1983): 159-166.

Analyzes the theory about Shakespearean films.

Kliman discusses that the interaction between artists and academics gradually developed on Shakespearean films, and that its performance is generated by the misreading of prior criticism and art.

²⁷ Silviria, Dale. Laurence Olivier and the Art of Film Making. Rutherford: Fairleigh Dickinson UP, 1985.

Discusses the features of the three films directed by Olivier: Henry V (1944), Hamlet (1948) and Richard III (1955). Silviria points out Olivier's presentations with the rearranged plot and the Oedipal complex on Hamlet.

²⁸ Davis, Anthony. Filming Shakespeare's Plays: The Adaptations of Laurence Olivier, Orson Wells, Peter Brook and Akira Kurosawa. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1988.

Studies about the adaptations directed by Olivier, Wells, Brook and Kurosawa on Shakespeare's films. Davis comments that Olivier removes from the elements of stage and appeals the film through the camera work, the setting, and the lighting in Hamlet.

²⁹ Bent, Geoffrey. "Chronicles of the Time: Acting as

Applied Criticism in Hamlet." Theatre Research International 16 (1991): 17-29.

Criticizes the theatrical elements in Olivier's Hamlet. Bent describes that Olivier's Hamlet has many elements of the play and is influenced by Orson wells's film through the camera work of deep focus and odd angles.

³⁰ Alkire, N.L. "Subliminal Masks in Olivier's Hamlet." Shakespeare on Film Newsletter 16.1 (1991): 5.

Defines that Olivier is influenced by Ernest Jones, who developed Freud's theory. Alkire indicates that Olivier emphasizes the Oedipal complex in 'the closet scene' between Hamlet and Gertrude.

³¹ Jorgens, Jack J. Shakespeare on Film. Lanham: UP of America, 1991.

Examines the technique of Shakespeare's adaptations. Jorgens insists that Olivier is a conscious of simplification and reduction of Hamlet, and also prunes away characters and rearranges scenes.

³² Buchman, Lorne Michael. Still in Movement: Shakespeare on Screen. Oxford: Oxford UP, 1991.

Investigates the productions of filmmakers such as

Olivier, Orson Wells and Peter Brook. Buchman states that Olivier adopts the Freudian interpretation and also utilizes the dramatic music combined with shots.

³³ Biggs, Murray. "'He's Going to His Mother's Closet': Hamlet and Gertrude on Screen." Shakespeare Survey 45 (1993): 53-62.

Considers four modern productions of Hamlet, which directed by Olivier in 1947, Tony Richardson in 1969, Rodney Bennett in 1980 and Franco Zeffirelli in 1990. Biggs implies that Olivier underlines the Oedipus complex on the relation with Gertrude.

³⁴ Simmons, James R. "'In the Rank Sweat of an Enseamed Bed': Sexual Aberration and the Paradigmatic Screen Hamlets." Literature Film Quarterly 25.2 (1997): 111-118.

Examines four adaptations of Hamlet: Svend Gade's 1920, Olivier's 1948, BBC's 1980 and Franco Zeffirelli's 1990. Simmons announces that Olivier's Hamlet confines the Oedipal complex and also stresses the sexual context.

³⁵ Weller, Philip. "Freud's Footprints in Films of Hamlet." Literature Film Quarterly 25.2 (1997):

119-124.

Introduces Olivier's conception on Hamlet. Weller mentions that Tyrone Guthrie, the producer, found Ernest Jones's Oedipal theory and taught it to Olivier. Olivier adopted it in his Hamlet, so that it was successful in Hollywood.

- ³⁶ Gunter, Laurence. "A Microcosm of Art: Olivier's Expressionist Hamlet (1948)." Hamlet on Screen. Eds. Holger Klein and Dimiter Daphinoff. Lewiston: Edwin Mellen P, 1997. 133-152.
- Criticizes Olivier's Hamlet politically and socially. Gunter focuses on the realistic view of the film directors after the World War II, and regards Olivier's Hamlet as an allegory of the modern European man with the Oedipal neurosis.

- ³⁷ Schlueter, June and James P. Lusardi. "Reading Hamlet in Performance: The Leartes/ Hamlet Connection." Shakespeare Illuminations. Eds. Jay L. Halio and Hugh Richmond. Newark: U of Delaware P, 1998. 50-69.
- Discusses that Olivier appeals the role of Leartes in his film and also creates Leartes as an imposing and flamboyant presence. Schlueter and Lusardi describe that Olivier changes the plot of the scene

with Leartes.

³⁸ Donaldson, Peter S. "Olivier, Hamlet, and Freud." New Casebooks: Shakespeare on Film. Ed. Robert Shaughnessy. New York: St. Martin's P, 1998. 103-125. Announces Olivier's Hamlet as a psychoanalytic and Oedipal text. Donaldson depict that Olivier learned the Oedipus complex from Ernest Jones and appealed 'the closet scene' between Hamlet and Gertrude violently and erotically.

³⁹ Davies, Anthony. "The Shakespeare Films of Laurence Olivier." The Cambridge Companion to Shakespeare on Film. Ed. Russell Jackson. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2000. 163-182.

Points out Olivier's ambiguity in his Hamlet. Davies displays that Olivier never abandons the implicit of the play in the film, and that Olivier's film has the constant oscillation between the cinema and the play.

⁴⁰ Hirsh, James. "To Take Arms against a Sea of Anomalies: Laurence Olivier's Film Adaptation of Act Three, Scene One of Hamlet." EnterText 1.2 (2001): 192-203.

Points out Olivier's technique on Hamlet in detail.

Hirsh remarks that Olivier transposes the 'To be, or not to be' speech into 'the nunnery scene' with Ophelia in order to eliminate incongruity and contradiction of the plot.

II. Kenneth Branagh's Hamlet

⁴¹ Felperin, Leslie. "Hamlet." Sound and sight Feb. 1997: 46.

Introduces Branagh's eagerness on Hamlet. Felperin mentions that Branagh uses the flashback in order to emphasize King's murder scene as well as Hamlet's love scene with Ophelia.

⁴² Mullan, John. "Hamlet: Various Cinemas." Times Literary Supplement 21 Feb. 1997: 19.

Announces that Branagh has Blenheim palace and pumped artificial snow over the grounds. Mullan argues that Branagh employs many famous stars in Hollywood such as Kate Winslet, Robin Williams and Billy Crystal.

⁴³ Willson, Robert F. Jr. "Kenneth Branagh's Hamlet, or The Revenge of Fortinbras." Shakespeare Newsletter 47.1 (1997):7,9.

Deals with the casting of Branagh's Hamlet. Willson discusses that Branagh portrays Fortinbras as a rival

and a successor of Hamlet and underlines strength and ferocity of Fortinbras as a military leader.

- ⁴⁴ Burnett, Mark Thornton. "The 'Very Cunning of the Scene': Kenneth Branagh's Hamlet." Literature Film Quarterly 25.2 (1997): 78-82.

States the cunning, or the art, of Branagh's Hamlet. Burnett comments that Branagh constructs Denmark as a militaristic state and develops Fortinbras's army in order to present this film politically.

- ⁴⁵ Welsh, Jim. "Branagh's Enlarged Hamlet." Literature Film Quarterly 25.2 (1997): 154-155.

Reports the style of Branagh's Hamlet in detail. Welsh mentions that Branagh employs the Folio text augmented by the Second Quarto, and also uses the period setting in a historical context as well as the spoken words realistically.

- ⁴⁶ Jackson, Russell. "Kenneth Branagh's Film of Hamlet: The Textual Choices." Shakespeare Bulletin 15.2 (1997): 37-38.

Points out Branagh's choice of the text. Jackson notices that Branagh treats the First Folio in terms of the act, scene and line on his film, and also adopts

the Second Quarto as well as the other editions effectively.

⁴⁷ Lawson, Chris. "'Melancholy Clowns': The Cult of Hamlet in Withnail and I and In the Bleak Midwinter." Shakespeare Bulletin 15.4 (1997): 33-34.

Analyzes Branagh's Hamlet through two British films: Withnail and I in 1986 directed by Bruce Robinson and In the Bleak Midwinter in 1995 by Branagh. Lawson states that Hamlet is portrayed as a "rock" in the confusing and frustrating world.

⁴⁸ Coursen, H.R. "Words, Words, Words: Searching for Hamlet." Hamlet on Screen. Eds. Holger Klein and Dimiter Daphinoff. Lewiston: Edwin Mellen P, 1997. 306-324.

Describes that Branagh's Hamlet is the film with the full play and all lines of the text. Coursen admires that those lines and events do work effectively in Branagh's Hamlet.

⁴⁹ Sauer, David Kennedy. "Suiting the Word to the Action: Kenneth Branagh's Interpolations in Hamlet." Hamlet on Screen. Eds. Holger Klein and Dimiter Daphinoff. Lewiston: Edwin Mellen P, 1997. 325-348.

Asserts that Branagh's Hamlet is the postmodern film by showing Hamlet as a swashbuckling hero instead of the melancholic one. Sauer indicates that Branagh spreads the story by Fortinbras's army politically.

⁵⁰ Vanrigh, Anny Crunelle. "All the World's a Screen: Transcoding in Branagh's Hamlet." Hamlet on Screen. Eds. Holger Klein and Dimiter Daphinoff. Lewiston: Edwin Mellen P, 1997. 349-369.

Expresses Branagh's Hamlet as the bold film. Vanrigh suggests that Branagh's Hamlet is influenced by the stage action, and that his camera work is unsure and tentative because of the influence of the play.

⁵¹ Needham, John. "Theory: In Pursuit of Pleasure, or a Night at the Pictures." P. N. Review 24 (1998): 14-21. Asserts that Branagh appeals narcissism of Hamlet with a hint of self-consciousness and the love affair with Ophelia. Needham mentions that Branagh treats the Lacanian 'mirror stage' in this film.

⁵² Diaz-de-Chumaceiro, Cora L. "Hamlet in Freud's Thoughts: Reinterpretations in the Psychoanalytic Literature." Poetry Therapy 11 (1998): 139-153. Discusses Freud's idea that Hamlet associates with

Sophocles' Oedipus Rex. Diaz-de-Chumaceiro implies that, in Branagh's film, there is Freud's thought.

⁵³ Lehmann, Courtney. "What 'ish' an Auteur?"

Re-conceptualizing Shakespearean Authorship from the Bard to Branagh." Diss. Indiana U, 1998.

Examines Shakespearean authorship under Branagh's film. Lehmann describes that Branagh creates popular Shakespearean films and also deals with Shakespeare's 'Englishness' in his film.

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⁵⁴ Costa, J.R. "The Film's the Thing: Film Translation and

Its Effect on a Silent Edited and Full Text Hamlet."

Ilha-Do-Desterro 36 (1999): 371-388.

Suggests that, as with textual translation, a tension exists between Shakespeare's textual language and film's visual language. Costa focuses on Branagh's film with a full text.

⁵⁵ Smith, Emma. "'Either for Tragedy, Comedy': Attitudes

to Hamlet in Kenneth Branagh's In the Bleak Midwinter

and Hamlet." Shakespeare, Film, Fin de Siecle. Eds.

Mark Thornton Burnett and Ramona Wray. Houndmills:

Macmillan P, 2000. 137-146.

Points out the intimate connection between In the Bleak Midwinter and Hamlet. Smith explains that Branagh managed to combine the classical and theatrical acting with the pantomimic burlesque in his films, In the Bleak Midwinter and Hamlet.

⁵⁶ Sanders, Julia. "The End of History and the Last Man: Kenneth Branagh's Hamlet." Shakespeare, Film, Fin de Siecle. Eds. Mark Thornton Burnett and Ramona Wray. Houndmills: Macmillan P, 2000. 147-164.

Depicts the theme of Branagh's Hamlet. Sanders insists that the theme of this film is the social concerns such as the political tyranny, the oppression of human rights and the breakdown of the family as a social unit.

⁵⁷ Hancock, Nancy. "Kenneth Branagh's Military Hamlet: An Ideological Issue." Tennessee Philological Bulletin 37 (2000): 55-67.

Mentions the military world in Branagh's Hamlet. Hancock describes that Branagh stresses Fortinbras's army and king's statue, and also persists in the juxtaposition of Hamlet and Fortinbras in his film.

⁵⁸ Cowl, Samuel. "Flamboyant Realist: Kenneth Branagh."

The Cambridge Companion to Shakespeare on Film. Ed. Russell Jackson. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2000. 222-238.

Indicates that Branagh's artistic energy flows from the American films. Crowl shows that Branagh portrays the rich, vigorous and lavish world in Hamlet as the popular Hollywood film.

⁵⁹ Taylor, Neil. "National and Racial Stereotypes in Shakespeare Films." The Cambridge Companion to Shakespeare on Film. Ed. Russell Jackson. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2000. 261-273.

Represents the national and racial features on Shakespeare's adaptations. Taylor suggests that Branagh employs many Africa-American performers in order to create the world where there are neither national nor racial elements in his Hamlet.

⁶⁰ Tanja, Weiss. Shakespeare on the Screen: Kenneth Branagh's Adaptations of Henry V, Much Ado About Nothing and Hamlet. 2nd ed. Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2000.

Examines the presentation on the films directed by Branagh: Henry V (1989), Much Ado About Nothing (1993) and Hamlet (1996). Tanja implies that Branagh

accepts the stage elements in Hamlet and presents the relation with Ophelia realistically.

⁶¹ Sheppard, Philippa. "The Castle of Elsinore: Gothic Aspects of Kenneth Branagh's Hamlet." Shakespeare Bulletin 19.3 (2001): 36-39.

Observes Branagh's Gothic theory on Hamlet.

Sheppard indicates that Branagh derives the Gothic atmosphere into Hamlet from Shakespeare's tragedies in terms of the setting, the Ghost, the theme of death and the sense of madness.

⁶² Lehmann, Courtney. "Shakespeare the Savior or Phantom Menace?: Kenneth Branagh's A Midwinter's Tale and the Critique of Cynical Reason." Colby Quarterly 37.1 (2001): 54-77.

Describes the conception of Branagh's Hamlet.

Lehmann remarks that Branagh represents the conflict and dilemma between the theater as the regional authenticity and the film as Hollywood commercialism.

⁶³ Hopkins, Lisa. "'Denmark's a Prison': Branagh's Hamlet and the Paradoxes of Intimacy." EnterText 1.2 (2001): 226-246.

Defines that Branagh portrays the door motif and the hall with many mirrors effectively. Hopkins asserts that Branagh accepts fantasy, flashbacks and things which actually do not happen in his film.

⁶⁴ Robson, Mark. "'Trying to Pick a Lock with a Wet Herring': Hamlet, Film, and Spectres of Psychoanalysis." EnterText 1.2 (2001): 247-263. Analyzes that Branagh's Hamlet presents an obsession with doubling, repetition, mimicry and reflection. Robson mentions that Branagh emphasizes the recurrent use of mirrors and the symmetry of the Elsinore's design.

⁶⁵ Lanier, Douglas. "'Art Thou Base, Common and Popular?': The Cultural Politics of Kenneth Branagh's Hamlet." Spectacular Shakespeare. Eds. Courtney Lehmann and Lisa S. Starks. Madison: Fairleigh Dickinson UP, 2002. 149-171. Indicates that Branagh underlines the fluid nature of the acting process. Lanier implies that Branagh presents the domestic story about a family and the political problems of the nation.

III. Hamlet between Laurence Olivier and Kenneth Branagh

⁶⁶ Williams, Evan. "My Travels with Hamlet." Quadrant 41 (1997): 27-31.

Discusses the production between Olivier's Hamlet and Branagh's one. Williams indicates that Olivier's film has effectively deep focus and the soundtrack, and that Branagh's film appeals grotesque settings and sexual flashback with Ophelia.

⁶⁷ Buhler, Stephen M. "Double Takes: Branagh gets to Hamlet." Post Script 17 (1997): 43-51.

Points out the features between Olivier's Hamlet and Branagh's one. Buhler suggests that Olivier shows the melancholy Dane and the Oedipal struggle with Gertrude, and that Branagh expresses the happy and healthy relation with Ophelia with the flashback.

⁶⁸ Hunter, Patrick. "Hamlet's Ghost on the Screen." Hamlet on Screen. Eds. Holger Klein and Dimiter Daphinoff. Lewiston: Edwin Mellen P, 1997. 18-27.

Deals with the interpretation of the Ghost on Hamlet. Hunter explains that Olivier reinforces the Oedipal theory by treating the Ghost as a personification of Hamlet's consciousness, and that Branagh stresses the Ghost's own authority.

⁶⁹ Cartmell, Deborah. "Reading and Screening Ophelia: 1948-1996." Hamlet on Screen. Eds. Holger Klein and Dimiter Daphinoff. Lewiston: Edwin Mellen P, 1997. 28-41.

Analyzes the role of Ophelia on Hamlet. Cartmell describes that Olivier appeals the Freudian interpretation with Gertrude than Ophelia, and that Branagh exaggerates the relation between Hamlet and Ophelia in bet in the post-feminist era.

⁷⁰ Wilmeth, Thomas L. "Fortinbras of Film: Safe Passage for Prince." Hamlet on Screen. Eds. Holger Klein and Dimiter Daphinoff. Lewiston: Edwin Mellen P, 1997. 42-55.

Focuses on Fortinbras and his military subplot. Wilmeth depicts that Olivier completely omits Fortinbras to clarify the plot of Hamlet, and that Branagh shows Fortinbras with the warlike manner to be faithful to the Shakespeare's text.

⁷¹ Ottenhoff, John. "Hamlet and the Kiss." Hamlet on Screen. Eds. Holger Klein and Dimiter Daphinoff. Lewiston: Edwin Mellen P, 1997. 98-109.

Explains the presentation of the kiss. Ottenhoff

implies that Olivier expresses more-than-motherly kisses between Hamlet and Gertrude in 'the closet scene' and the duel scene, and that Branagh does not show the erotic and sexual kiss with Gertrude.

⁷² Rothwell, Kenneth S. A History of Shakespeare on Screen.

Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1999.

Chronicles Shakespeare's films from the silent era in the 1930s' to the Branagh's in the 1990s'.

Rothwell mentions that Olivier's Hamlet is the black-and-white film with the tragic atmosphere, and that Branagh's film is colorful with famous castings.

⁷³ Howlett, Kathy M. Framing Shakespeare of Film. Athens:

Ohio UP, 2000.

Describes the filmmaking of Shakespeare's adaptations. Howlett indicates that Olivier uses theatrical performance and camera work projecting Hamlet mental state, and that Branagh is conscious of the film's frame and the reaction of the viewers.

⁷⁴ Starks, Lisa S. "The Displaced Body of Desire: Sexuality

in Kenneth Branagh's Hamlet." Shakespeare and

Appropriation. Eds. Christy Desmet and Robert Sawyer.

London: Routledge, 1999. 160-178.

Comparatively studies the production of Hamlets: Olivier's in 1948, Zeffirelli's in 1990 and Branagh's in 1996. Starks asserts that Olivier appeals the maternal relations on the Oedipal theory and Branagh dose the paternal ones.

⁷⁵ Sloboda, Noel. "Visions and Revisions of Laurence Olivier in the Hamlet Films of Franco Zeffirelli and Kenneth Branagh." Studies in the Humanities 27 (2000): 140-156.

Observes the presentations of Olivier's Hamlet, Zeffirelli's one and Branagh's one. Sliboda discusses that Branagh resists the Oedipal complex of Olivier and appeals the natural and sexual desire for Ophelia of Hamlet.

⁷⁶ Keyishian, Harry. "Shakespeare and Movie Genre: the Case of Hamlet." The Cambridge Companion to Shakespeare on Film. Ed. Russell Jackson. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2000. 72-81.

Illustrates Shakespearean movie's genre by comparing three Hamlets: Olivier's, Zeffirelli's and Branagh's. Keyishian considers Olivier's Hamlet as the 'Film noir' and Branagh's one as the epic film.

⁷⁷ Guntner, J. Lawrence. "Hamlet, Macbeth and King Lear on film." The Cambridge Companion to Shakespeare on Film. Ed. Russell Jackson. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2000. 117-133.

Focuses on the role of Fortinbras between Olivier's Hamlet and Branagh's one. Guntner remarks that Olivier radically cuts Fortinbras and loses the political effect in his film, but Branagh leaves Fortinbras and presents his film politically.

⁷⁸ Rutter, Carol Chillington. "Looking at Shakespeare's Women on Film." The Cambridge Companion to Shakespeare on Film. Ed. Russell Jackson. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2000. 241-260.

Examines the women on Shakespeare's films. Rutter describes that Olivier emphasizes the Oedipal relation with Gertrude in 'the closet scene,' and that Branagh exaggerates the relation with Ophelia by using several flashbacks of the love scene.

⁷⁹ Forsyth, Neil. "Shakespeare the Illusionist: Filming the Supernatural." The Cambridge Companion to Shakespeare on Film. Ed. Russell Jackson. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2000. 274-294.

Refers to the Ghost scene in Hamlet. Forsyth states

that Oliver presents the misty and dry-ice ghost and he dubbed in the voice himself, and that Branagh represents the realistic ghost and uses the soundtrack with the sentimental mood.

⁸⁰ Holland, Peter. "Film Editing." Shakespeare Performed: Essays in Honor of R.A.Foakes. Ed. Grace Ioppolo. London: U of Delaware P, 2000. 273-298.

Investigates the screenplay of Olivier's Hamlet and Branagh's one. Holland explains that Olivier's Hamlet omits and rearranges the plot, scenes and some characters, but Branagh's one is faithful to the text with the authority.

⁸¹ Hanna, Scolnicov. "Gertrude's Willow Speech: Word and Film Image." Literature Film Quarterly 28.2 (2000): 101-111.

Indicates the Gertrude's speech about Ophelia's death in 'the willow scene'. Hanna defines that Olivier relies not on Gertrude's speech but on the film image, and that Branagh appeals not the image but Gertrude's words in the scene of Ophelia's death.

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