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## April Documentary Film Club Notice:

April 19, 2018

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

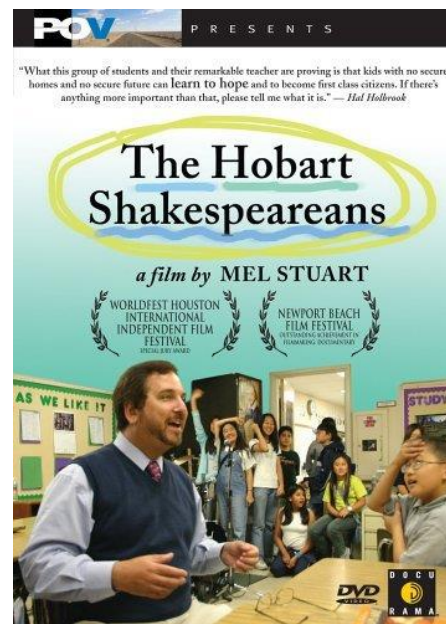
Maravilla Theater

5486 Calle Real

### *The Hobart Shakespearians*

*60 Minutes (2005)*

A film by *Mel Stuart*



Teacher **Rafe Esquith** has a point of view — a very strong one — about educating children of immigrants who don't speak English at a school in a dangerous, poor, drug-infested neighborhood in Los Angeles. Teaching at one of the nation's largest inner-city grade schools, Hobart Elementary, **Esquith** leads his class of fifth-graders through an uncompromising curriculum of English, mathematics, geography and literature. He inspires them with cross-country trips to learn history first-hand. And at the end of the semester, every student performs in a full-length Shakespeare play: in this case *Hamlet*, with advice from actors Ian McKellen and Michael York. Despite language barriers and poverty, these **Hobart Shakespearians** move on to attend outstanding colleges, motivated by a teacher honored with a *National Medal of Arts* award.