In July, NYC-based theater collective Compagnia de’ Colombari staged an acclaimed production of *The Merchant of Venice* in the heart of that city’s Jewish quarter. Marking both the 500th anniversary of the foundation of the Jewish Ghetto and the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare’s death, the production brought the Bard’s play to its historic setting for the first time.

**THE MERCHANT IN VENICE:**
THE HISTORIC STAGING OF SHAKESPEARE’S CLASSIC IN THE JEWISH GHETTO

**A PRESENTATION BY 2015 BOGLIASCO FELLOW KARIN COONROD, FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF COMPAGNIA DE’ COLOMBARI.**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 6PM**
CASA ITALIANA ZERILLI-MARIMÒ AT NYU
24 West 12th Street, New York City

Reception to follow

Kindly RSVP by September 29 to dev@bfny.org

Founding Director Karin Coonrod will present a behind-the-scenes look at this production, which was developed during her Spring 2015 residency at the Bogliasco Foundation’s Study Center in Italy. This event is part of a series celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Bogliasco Foundation.

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