

Christopher Newton

Introduction to *The Prizefighter and the Playwright*

Newton retired as Artistic Director of the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada, in 2002 after 23 years and now serves as Artistic Director Emeritus. Newton, an English-born actor and director and an expert on Bernard Shaw, was educated in England and the United States. He has been a major contributor to theatre for over forty years and continues to direct and influence theatre across North America. In 2000 he received Canada's Governor General Performing Arts Award for lifetime artistic achievement and in 2002, he received an honorary Doctorate from the University of Toronto.