



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting, April 24, 2024, at 11 am at
First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT.
The program will also be shown on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>

B. H. Barry

**Fight Director and Choreographer:
"Shakespearean Theater, Broadway, Opera, Film and
Ballet"**



If you were in a room filled with theater people and B.H. Barry were in attendance, next to him is where you'd want to be. You might find out about Errol Flynn's stunt man but mostly you would learn why, over a 60-year career, Barry became a revered fight director and the about role he played for London's production of *Camelot*.

Barry was born in Staines, 17 miles up the Thames from London. He got his start at the Royal Shakespeare Company. What Barry will tell you is that choreographing a fight should not involve putting your own personal vision of movement on a stage. "A fight should help tell the story and reveal character."

Barry is the only fight director to receive a Tony Award. His long career includes several films, Shakespearean theater and 43 Broadway productions. Overall, in his career Barry has been awarded with a Drama Desk and an Obie for Sustained and Consistent Excellence in Stage Combat. He also received a Tony for Lifetime Achievement, a Drama Desk for his fight in *Camelot* and an award from the Outer Critics Circle in recognition of his six decades career. Barry has been an instructor at The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, Julliard, Yale, at Temple University and at New York University.

Barry notes that, "A fight director helps create the illusion of violence, but must make the actors feel secure."

Our next speaker, on May 1st, will be Steve Gelbs, "A Conversation with Steve Gelbs – Reporter and Studio Host for SNY."

*The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at **10:40 am** followed promptly by our presentation at **11:00 am**. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Ave. in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org.*