



Sarony, Napoleon. Edwin Forrest [in Roman costume]. New York: [s.n., 19th century]. Folger ART File F728 no.39 PHOTO (size XS)

Edwin Forrest (1806-1872) as Coriolanus. Forrest became famous early in his acting career for his blackface performances, but he is most well known for his role in the deadly Astor Place Riot, which happened as a result of his feud with British actor William Charles Macready. Resentment between the American working-class and British exacerbated the rivalry between these actors, who were competing to be recognized as the superior Shakespearean actor.

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