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## Globe Education Spring Season 2008: The Young & Shakespeare

Globe Education will continue their exploration of *The Young & Shakespeare* this spring with an ambitious programme of performance, staged readings and half term events. The Season will include performances by children, students and professional actors on the Globe Stage as well as a series of 'performances with scripts' staged by professional actors and directors.

### **Patrick Spottiswoode, Director, Globe Education explains:**

*"The Young & Shakespeare season is continuing to explore a variety of ways of introducing the young to Shakespeare. From January to April we are hosting a series of events, workshops and productions that will attract over 40,000 young people to the globe before the 2008 theatre season begins."*

### **Performance**

Globe Education's flagship project **Playing Shakespeare with Deutsche Bank** will build on its pilot run in 2007. Over 10,000 students will receive free tickets to eight performances of *Much Ado About Nothing* presented by professional actors on the Globe stage. The last performance on 14 March will be *Much Ado FOR Nothing* – free to everybody applying for tickets on a first come first served basis.

This year students from 16 primary, secondary schools and pupils with Special Educational Needs, will work with their teachers and Globe Education Practitioners to create an ensemble performance **Our Theatre: Hamlet** on 20 March 2008. The annual Our Theatre production is Globe Education's flagship community event where school children from Southwark will perform their shared interpretation of a Shakespeare play on the Globe stage. Since its inception in 1997 it has been generously supported by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The Globe's annual **Sam Wanamaker Festival** returns on 6 April 2008, in association with the Conference of Drama Schools. 40 students from 20 leading drama schools across the UK will present scenes from Shakespeare and his contemporaries to a packed Globe Theatre.

## Staged Readings and Special Events

The launch at the Globe last November of the new edition of *Thomas Middleton: The Collected Works* has inspired the **Read Not Dead** series to stage four of the plays that Middleton wrote for Boy Companies. James Wallace returns to stage *The Phoenix* (c.1603-4), Middleton's fascinating insight into the heady atmosphere surrounding the last days of the Elizabethan era, *Michaelmas Term* (c.1604), written for the Boy Company Children of Pauls, *A Trick To Catch The Old One* (c.1605), Middleton's classic city comedy and *Your Five Gallants* (c.1607), a funny and satirical examination of the fragility of identity in Jacobean London.

The **Rarely Played Seminars** offer the public the chance to learn more about these *selected Middleton plays*. *Maggy Williams* and *Diana Delvin* have built up a cult following with their inspiring and engaging introductions to the **Read Not Dead** performances.

Globe Education will also be holding a one off special event **Boys Will Be Boys, Girls, Adults...** Two new Boys Companies have been formed especially for *The Young & Shakespeare* season. The first, from Stratford-upon-Avon, will present a 30 minute extract from John Marston's raucous comedy *The Dutch Courtesan*. The second, from Dulwich College, will present an extract from Marston's tragedy *Antonio's Revenge*. The day will begin with talks providing contexts for the school curriculum and the boy companies that Shakespeare called the 'little eyases'.

## Half Term Events

Shakespeare's Globe is hosting a range of half-term activities for children in spring 2008, taking place between Wednesday 20 and Friday 22 February. Join family tours and drawing workshops; Globe actors will read from Leon Garfield's *Tales From Shakespeare* – one of the Globe's recommended retellings of Shakespeare's stories for young people; costume dressings, music played on period instruments; stage fight displays and lots more.

The events form part of a season celebrating 'The Young and Shakespeare' and are suitable for everyone over five years. All sessions are on a rolling programme and include a visit to Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition. Sign up for individual sessions upon entry. First come, first served - so arrive early!

## Globe Education Spring Season 2008 Listings

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Wednesday 20 – Friday 22 February

### Half-Term Events

Venue: Globe Exhibition, SE1

Time 10am

Tickets: Adults £9, Children (aged 5 – 15) £6.50, Students (with valid ID) £7.50 Family (up to 2 adults and 3 children) £25

Sunday 2 March

### Special Event: Boys Will Be Boys, Girls, Adults...

Venue: Globe Theatre, SE1

Time: 11.00am

Tickets: £10 (£7 FoSG/Concs/Students)

Friday 14 March:

### Playing Shakespeare with Deutsche Bank-

#### *Much Ado FOR Nothing*

Venue: Globe Theatre, SE1

Time: 7.00pm

Tickets: Free but must be booked in advance. Public booking opens on 11 February

Thursday 20 March:

### Our Theatre: *Hamlet*

Venue: Globe Theatre, SE1

Time: 1.00pm

Tickets: A limited number of free tickets are available. Please email [ourtheatretickets@shakespearesglobe.com](mailto:ourtheatretickets@shakespearesglobe.com)

Sunday 6 April:

### 2008 Sam Wanamaker Festival

Venue: Globe Theatre, SE1

Time: 4.00pm

Tickets: £10 (£5 Standing), no concessions

### Read Not Dead

*The Phoenix* - Sunday 10 February

*Michaelmas - Term* Sunday 16 March

*A Trick To Catch - The Old One* Sunday 30 March

*Your Five Gallants* - Sunday 13 April

Venue: Globe Education Centre Theatre, 58 Park Street, SE1

Time: 6.00pm

Tickets: £8 (£5 FoSG/Concs/Students)

### Rarely Played Seminars

*The Phoenix* - Sunday 10 February

*Michaelmas - Term* Sunday 16 March

*A Trick To Catch - The Old One* Sunday 30 March

*Your Five Gallants* - Sunday 13 April

Venue: Nancy W. Knowles Lecture Theatre, SE1

Time: 12.00pm

Tickets: £13 (£10 FoSG/Concs/Students)

Globe Box Office is open Monday to Saturday 10am - 6pm (8pm on performance days)  
To book telephone 020 7401 9919 or Fax 020 7902 1475

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### **Notes to Editors**

- **Public Booking** opens Monday 11 February 2008
- **FoSG** Friends of Shakespeare's Globe
- **Globe Theatre** 2008 Season *Totus Mundus*, includes Shakespeare's *King Lear*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Merry Wives of Windsor* and *Timon of Athens* as well as two new plays, *The Front Line* and *Liberty*. The season will also include *Shakespeare Party* by internationally renowned theatre company Footsbarn and two UK tours of *Romeo & Juliet* and *The Winter's Tale*. Tickets are available on 020 7401 9919 / 020 7087 7398 or via [www.shakespeares-globe.org](http://www.shakespeares-globe.org) and range in price from £5 to £32.
- **Globe Education** offers workshops, lectures and evening courses to students of all ages. For further information, telephone 020 7902 1433.
- **Shakespeare's Globe Shop** stocks a variety of products, including season specific merchandise. Shakespeare's Globe is a registered charity and all profits from sales go towards supporting our educational mission. Items can be bought at the onsite shop or online at [www.globe-shop.com](http://www.globe-shop.com)
- **Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition** is open daily – May to September from 9am to 5pm and October to April from 10am to 5pm. Admission includes a guided tour of the Theatre. For further information, telephone 020 7902 1500.
- **The Shakespeare Globe Trust** is a registered charity No.266916. **The Globe receives no public subsidy.**