



Press Release – June 2008

Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition Presents a New Exhibit Inspired by the Diverse Genius of Shakespeare's Work

Sunday 27 April – Sunday 5 October

Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition is delighted to be showcasing a selection of woodcarvings by artist **June Crisfield Chapmen** this summer. June, whose work has also appeared at The National Theatre, has created a series of woodcarvings, inspired by Shakespeare's diverse range of work, including three plays performed in this year's Theatre Season: Subjects include the lovers from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *King Lear's Fool* and the highly witty Falstaff from *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

June has a particular interest in faces and personality and enjoys exploring their textures and sinuous rhythms through art. Visitors to Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition will be able to immerse themselves in June's hand crafted interpretation of Shakespeare's cannon before they embark on a fascinating tour of the theatre.

June Crisfield Chapmen studied wood engraving at the **Glasgow School of Art**. She has exhibited her wood engravings in one-woman shows, including the Glasgow City Gallery at Kelvingrove, the Walter Rothschild Museum (part of the Natural History Museum, London), and the Royal Botanic Garden Gallery, Edinburgh. Her work is in public collections such as the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford and the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge. She is regular speaker at The British Museum and The V&A.

The newly re-imagined exhibition at Shakespeare's Globe is the world's largest exhibition devoted to Shakespeare and the London in which he lived and worked. Housed beneath the reconstructed Globe Theatre on Bankside, the exhibition explores the remarkable story of the Globe, and brings Shakespeare's world to life using a range of interactive displays and live demonstrations. Open throughout the year, Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition is one of the most exciting ways to discover and rediscover the Globe Theatre.

Included with the exhibition is a fascinating tour of the Globe Theatre that will bring the extraordinary home of Shakespeare's theatre to life. The Guides-storytellers will take you on a fascinating half-hour tour of the auditorium, vividly recreating colourful stories of the 1599 Globe and the reconstruction process in the 1990s and of how the wooden 'O' works today as an imaginative and experimental space. During matinee performances tours visit the nearby site of the Rose Theatre on Bankside.

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Notes to Editors:

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre Tour and Exhibition is located on London's Bankside and is open daily all year round.

Opening Hours

23 April – 5 October: 9am – 12.30pm (exhibition and Globe Theatre Tour) and 1pm - 5pm (exhibition and tour of Rose Theatre Site). Opening hours are subject to change.

Ticket Prices

Adults £10.50

Seniors (aged 60+) £8.50

Students (with valid ID) £8.50

Children (aged 5-15) £6.50

Family (up to 2 adults & 3 children) £28.00 (£30.00 with Guide Book)

ADMISSION IS FREE FOR FRIENDS OF SHAKESPEARE' S GLOBE

Groups are required to book in advance, and must be a minimum of 15 people. Groups receive 1 free ticket in every 16.

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Shakespeare's Globe Trust:

- **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 also includes 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 and range in price from £5 to £33.
- **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
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