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**Summer Half-Term
at Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition & Theatre Tour
25 – 31 May 2009**

Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition and Theatre Tour will be open throughout the summer half-term (25–31 May) and is a perfect destination for families wishing to discover more about Shakespeare and the London in which he lived and worked. Between 26–29 May, families can combine a visit to the exhibition with an evening performance of *The Comedy of Errors*, which will be visiting Shakespeare's Globe for four performances only. Visitors who have a valid ticket for a theatre production will receive £2 off entry to the exhibition and theatre tour.

Open throughout the year, Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition and Theatre Tour is one of the most exciting ways to discover and rediscover the Globe Theatre. 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 exploring costume, music and special effects.

Also included with the exhibition ticket is a fascinating tour of the Globe Theatre that will bring the extraordinary home of Shakespeare's theatre to life. The Guide-storytellers will take you on a fascinating half-hour tour of the auditorium, vividly recreating colorful 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.

Shakespeare's Globe on Tour will present *The Comedy of Errors* this summer to stunning outdoor venues across the UK, visiting Shakespeare's Globe for four performances only. The 2009 Theatre Season runs between 23 April – 10 October and includes four Shakespeare plays; *Romeo and Juliet*, *As You Like It*, *Troilus and Cressida* and *Love's Labour's Lost*; as well as three new plays; *The Frontline* by Ché Walker, *Helen* by Euripides in a new version by Frank McGuinness and *A New World: A Life of Thomas Paine* by Trevor Griffiths.

Listings Information

Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition: Open all year round

Venue: Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition and Theatre Tour, SE1

Time: 09.00 – 18.00 (Theatre Season opening times)

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre Tours: Monday 09.00 – 18.00, Tuesday to Saturday 09.00 – 12.30, Sunday 09.00 – 11.30

Rose Theatre Tours: (During Theatre Matinees) Tuesday to Sunday 13.00 – 17.30, Sunday 12.00 – 17.30

(Times subject to change)

Tickets: Adults £10.50; Children (aged 5 – 15) £6.50; Students (with valid ID) £8.50;

Family (up to 2 adults and 3 children) £28

£2 off gate entry to Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition and Theatre Tour if you present a valid ticket for any of the 2009 Theatre Season productions (one discount per ticket, not valid in conjunction with any other offer)

For further information call 020 7902 1500

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre Season 2009: 23 April – 10 October

Venue: Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, SE1

Tickets: 700 x £5 tickets for every performance (standing) £12 - £33 (Seated)

To book telephone the Box Office on 020 7401 9919 / 020 7087 7398

Or book online www.shakespeares-globe.org

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Notes to Editors

- **Shakespeare's Globe 2009 Theatre Season** *Young Hearts*, includes Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, *As You Like It*, *Troilus and Cressida* and *Love's Labour's Lost* as well as three new plays *The Frontline*, *Helen* and *A New World: A Life of Thomas Paine*. The season also includes two UK tours of *The Comedy of Errors* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Tickets on sale on 020 7401 9919 / 020 7087 7398 or via www.shakespeares-globe.org and range from £5 to £33.
- **Globe Education** operates all year round, offering workshops, lectures and courses to students of all ages. For further information, telephone 020 7902 1433.
- **Swan at the Globe's Bar and Brasserie** open all year round. For reservations please call 020 7928 9444.