



Press Release – July 2008

Shakespeare's Globe launches its new record label *Globe Editions*

Shakespeare's Globe is delighted to announce the launch of its new record label, **Globe Editions**, in September 2008, with the release of the album *Elizabethan Street Songs*. Distributed by the UK's leading classical music specialists Select Music, *Elizabethan Street Songs* uses modern studio techniques to capture the earthy atmosphere of 16th and 17th Century street life. This album is an authentic collection of music played by early music expert and Globe musician Jim Bisgood and his band Tarleton's Jig.

Globe Editions is a new venture for the organisation, which offers a fresh approach to the way that early music and spoken word has been hitherto presented and performed. The label is contemporary, accessible and aims to reflect the creative ethos of Shakespeare's Globe by combining entertainment, innovation and excellence through practice and performance. As Andrew MacNair, Marketing Director of Shakespeare's Globe explains: *'Music making and performance is integral to our practice at Shakespeare's Globe, and we welcome this opportunity to bring our work to new audiences'*.

Featuring historically researched tunes performed on Sackbut, Archlute, Hurdy-Gurdy and other accurate period instrumentation, *Elizabethan Street Songs* is a musical interpretation on the not so genteel world of the Elizabethan street musician and singer.

This album marks the first of three ventures by **Globe Editions** which will include *Shakespeare's Lovers*, a selection of the most famous Shakespeare Sonnets set to specially commissioned music from Globe composers.

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Notes to Editors:

Tarleton's Jig was formed in 1978 with the idea to bring a fresh and accessible approach to early English popular music. The association between Tarleton's Jig and Shakespeare's Globe goes back to the mid-nineteen eighties, when the late Sam Wanamaker approached Tarleton's jig to play for a variety of fund raising events, before Shakespeare's Globe was even built.

Select Music is the UK's leading classical music distribution company in terms of the number of new releases and the depth and breadth of its catalogue. **Select Music** covers a wide range of music and categories, from Early Music to Contemporary composers, from instrumental and chamber music to opera.

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