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Globe Education at Shakespeare's Globe launches new website

A new website featuring podcasts, actor blogs and resources for those wishing to discover more about the Globe, its productions and plays by Shakespeare and his contemporaries is launched today. Globe Education at Shakespeare's Globe has produced www.globe-education.org to support the teaching and learning of Shakespeare.

In *Discovery Space*, *Adopt an Actor* enables teachers and their students to sign up to exclusive blogs from actors in the theatre season to find out about every stage of the rehearsal process, from learning lines to the final bow - and all the action in between! This year there are interviews with Matthew Kelly (Pandarus in *Troilus and Cressida*), Naomi Frederick (Rosalind in *As You Like It*) and Rawiri Paratene (Friar Lawrence in *Romeo and Juliet*) along with the creative and production teams.

Since 1998, over 120 actors from 33 productions have been interviewed, all of which are available on the site. New for this autumn is a podcast for the current production of *Love's Labour's Lost*, featuring interviews with the cast.

Discovery Space holds an archive of all the plays performed at Shakespeare's Globe including findings from original practices productions and an insight into the playhouses of Shakespeare's day.

For Shakespeare scholars, the *Courses and Research* section holds research findings, conference and lecture papers and results of practical experiments held on the Globe stage.

Learning features Globe Education's projects with schools, booking for Lively Action workshops and information on teacher training days.

Events contains a calendar of Globe Education's autumn season *Shakespeare: Poet and Playhouse* which includes lectures, a staged reading, research seminars, and *A Concert for Winter*.

Patrick Spottiswoode, Director of Globe Education, said: "Globe Education's new website seeks to invigorate the study and enjoyment of the plays of Shakespeare and his contemporaries inspired by the Globe architecture and the work undertaken here. We hope that students of all ages will go online and share discoveries about performance, teaching and learning."

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Notes to Editors:

- **Shakespeare's Globe Theatre** concludes its 2009 Young Hearts season on 10 October 2009. Following this, *Love's Labour's Lost* will transfer to North America for a two-month tour. For the first time ever, Shakespeare's Globe will present a show during the festive season, with Footsbarn's Christmas Cracker. Box office 020 7401 9919 or www.shakespeares-globe.org
- **Globe Education** presents a programme of workshops, lectures, events and staged readings all year round. The theme for the autumn season of public events is Shakespeare: Poet and Playhouse. For general enquires about Globe Education please call 020 7902 1430 or visit www.globe-education.org
- **Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition** is open all year round. 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.
- **Shakespeare's Globe Shop** stocks a variety of products, including season specific merchandise. Items can be bought at the on-site shop or on-line at www.globe-shop.com.
- **Capital Campaign** – Shakespeare's Globe is currently fundraising for a major development project. The first part of the campaign – to develop a Globe Education and Rehearsal Centre – is underway. To find out more visit www.shakespeares-globe.org/thesecondstage
- **The Shakespeare Globe Trust** is a registered charity No.266916. **The Globe receives no public subsidy.**