



3 April 2007

## WHITE WALLS BECOME SILVER SCREEN TO CELEBRATE SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY

Saturday 21, Sunday 22 and Monday 23 April 2007

Shakespeare's Globe is celebrating Shakespeare's Birthday this year with a weekend of festivities, including FREE events on Sunday and Monday. Celebrations are supported by the Mayor of London as part of celebrations for St George's Day which also falls on 23 April.

### **Listings information - Shakespeare's Birthday Weekend:**

Venue: Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, London SE1 9DT

#### Saturday 21 April – Shakespeare Sonnet Walks

In partnership with Phoebus Cart, the Globe continues the tradition of Mark Rylance's popular **Sonnet Walks**. Twelve sonneteers will entertain walkers as they stroll to Shakespeare's Globe on tours of Tudor London. Walkers choose from two tours of Tudor London – either starting from Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey or St Leonard's Church in Shoreditch.

**Walks set off every 15 minutes from 10am to 12.45pm and finishes with a brief visit inside the theatre.**

**Tickets: £16, £13 Concs, £10 Friends of Shakespeare's. Advance booking is essential. Please call Shakespeare's Globe box office for tickets: 020 7401 9919.**

#### Sunday 22 April – Shakespeare's Birthday Celebrations - FREE

The day will begin with a 10 minute carnival procession from Southwark Cathedral to the Globe. Members of the public are invited to take part and bring along their own masks, prizes will be given for the best masks on show. Then join us for a whole day of **FREE** festivities and the chance to tread the boards of our famous stage. Experienced actors will train members of the public to perform lines from Shakespeare in front of a packed auditorium. There will be workshops for all ages, music from the Globe's favourite musicians, the chance to win fantastic prizes, and food and wine stalls in the Underglobe.

**Part of the Mayor of London's St George's Day programme, procession begins from Southwark Cathedral (riverside) at 10.30am with the Globe doors open from 11.00am – 4.00pm.**

#### Monday 23 April – 'Silent Shakespeare' at the Globe – FREE

A collection of silent film shorts of Shakespeare's works will be projected on to the exterior walls of the theatre, with live musical accompaniment from composer Laura Rossi and the Fourth Dimension String Quartet. Come and watch from Bankside as images from the past light up the white walls of the theatre by arrangement with the British Film Institute. Films include *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Twelfth Night* and *The Merchant of Venice* and date back to 1899.

**Film showing times are: 7.00pm – 9.00pm (with 20 minute interval)**

*Shakespeare's Birthday is organised as part of the Mayor of London's celebrations for St George's Day 2007.*

**For further details, please visit [www.shakespeares-globe.org](http://www.shakespeares-globe.org) or contact Louise Curran, 020 7902 1492, [louise@shakespearesglobe.com](mailto:louise@shakespearesglobe.com). For information about events to mark St George's Day go to [www.london.gov.uk](http://www.london.gov.uk); call Ben McKnight at the Greater London Authority on 020 7983 4071.**

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#### **Notes to Editors**

- Shakespeare's Globe theatre season, Renaissance + Revolution, includes Shakespeare's *Othello*, Howard Brenton's *In Extremis*, *The Merchant of Venice* and *Love's Labour's Lost*, and two world premieres, *Holding Fire!* (by Jack Shepherd) and *We The People* (by Eric Schlosser). 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 Exhibition is open daily - 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. 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 Café and Restaurant are open all year round. For reservations, telephone 020 7928 9444.
- Shakespeare's Globe Trust is a registered charity No.266916.