



PRESS RELEASE

Globe to Globe Festival 2012
Shakespeare's Globe, London
21 April - 6 June 2012

Oyun Atölyesi presents
Antony and Cleopatra
From Istanbul, Turkey
Performed in Turkish

Saturday 26 May 2.30pm
Sunday 27 May 1.30pm & 6.30pm

Globe to Globe - For the first time, 37 international companies present all 37 of Shakespeare's plays in 37 different languages in a kaleidoscopic, six week festival at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, London, starting on Shakespeare's birthday. An opening weekend of celebrations also includes an adaptation of *Venus and Adonis* by the Isango Ensemble from South Africa, a public open day at the Globe to celebrate Shakespeare and the worlds' languages, and Ngākau Toa's *Troilus and Cressida* beginning the festival with a *haka*. Globe to Globe is part of the World Shakespeare Festival and the Cultural Olympiad 2012.

Oyun Atölyesi was founded in 1999. Its first show, a production of Steven Berkoff's *Kvetch*, was performed in the same year. Since then, the company has produced at least one show each year, and since 2002 each production has received its premiere in the company's own theatre in Kadiköy, on the Asian side of Istanbul.

This new production of *Antony and Cleopatra* will be directed by Kemal Aydoğan and the lead roles will be played by Haluk Bilginer and Zerrin Tekindor. The role of Enobarbus will be played by Kevork Malikyan who is currently appearing as the Ambassador in *Yes, Prime Minister* in the West End.

Haluk Bilginer is one of Turkey's most prestigious actors, he is well known to UK audiences having spent two years playing Mehmet in *Eastenders*. As founder and Artistic Director of Oyun Atölyesi he has played the lead roles in Anthony Horowitz's *Mind Games*, Moliere's *The Miser* and Shakespeare's *Timon of Athens*.





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Turkish is a language spoken as a native language by over 83 million people worldwide, making it the most commonly spoken of the Turkic languages. Its speakers are located predominantly in Turkey and Northern Cyprus with smaller groups in Iraq, Greece, Bulgaria, the Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo, Albania and other parts of Eastern Europe. Turkish is also spoken by several million people of immigrant origin in Western Europe, particularly in Germany.

Turkish is natively spoken by the Turkish people in Turkey and by the Turkish diaspora in some 30 other countries. In particular, Turkish-speaking minorities exist in countries that formerly (in whole or part) belonged to the Ottoman Empire, such as Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece (primarily in Western Thrace), the Republic of Macedonia, Romania, and Serbia. More than two million Turkish speakers live in Germany; and there are significant Turkish-speaking communities in the United States, France, The Netherlands, Austria, Belgium, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom where there are about ½ million Turks.

Tickets for Globe to Globe start at just £5, and a series of multibuy schemes are in place, including the **Yard Olympian** which will allow you to see all 38 productions for just £100. Full details can be found at the end of this release.

For further information on Globe to Globe please contact Stephen Pidcock or Charlotte Bayley at The Corner Shop PR on 020 7494 3665 stephen@thecornershoppr.com / charlotte@thecornershoppr.com

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

About Shakespeare's Globe

Founded by the pioneering American actor and director Sam Wanamaker, Shakespeare's Globe is a unique international resource dedicated to the exploration of Shakespeare's work and the playhouse for which he wrote, through the connected means of performance and education. Together, the Globe Theatre, Globe Exhibition and Tour and Globe Education seek to further the experience and international understanding of Shakespeare in performance.

The Shakespeare Globe Trust is a registered charity No.266916. Shakespeare's Globe receives no ongoing public subsidy

The **World Shakespeare Festival** is a celebration of Shakespeare as the world's playwright, produced by the Royal Shakespeare Company, in an unprecedented collaboration with leading UK and international arts organisations, and with Globe to Globe, a major international programme produced by Shakespeare's Globe. It runs from **23 April to November 2012** and forms part of London 2012 Festival, which is the culmination of the Cultural Olympiad, bringing leading artists from all over the world together in a UK-wide festival in the summer of 2012.



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The World Shakespeare Festival and Globe to Globe is funded by the National Lottery through the Olympic Lottery Distributor.

About the Cultural Olympiad and London 2012 Festival

The London 2012 [Cultural Olympiad](#) is the largest cultural celebration in the history of the modern Olympic and Paralympic Movements. Spread over four years, it is designed to give everyone in the UK a chance to be part of [London 2012](#) and inspire creativity across all forms of culture, especially among young people.

The culmination of the Cultural Olympiad will be the [London 2012 Festival](#), bringing leading artists from all over the world together from 21 June 2012 in this UK-wide festival - a chance for everyone to celebrate London 2012 through dance, music, theatre, the visual arts, fashion, film and digital innovation.

Principal funders of the Cultural Olympiad and London 2012 Festival are [Arts Council England](#), [Legacy Trust UK](#) and the [Olympic Lottery Distributor](#). [BP](#) and [BT](#) are Premier Partners of the Cultural Olympiad and the London 2012 Festival.

For more details visit www.london2012.com/festival

BOOKING INFORMATION

BY PHONE: 020 7401 9919

ONLINE (transaction fee applies): www.shakespearesglobe.com

PRICES

Yard (standing) £5

Lower/Middle/Upper Galleries (seated) £10, £15, £25, £35

Seating plans vary for each performance; for details please ask Box Office staff or consult online seating plans at the time of booking.

Please note that there is no seat in the theatre from which the view is not obscured at some point.

SPECIAL OFFERS

YARD OLYMPIAN

See all 38 productions, with the best view in the house, for just £100 (saving up to £90).

This special ticket gives you access to all matinees during the festival, plus one evening performance of *Troilus & Cressida*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Tempest*, *Henry IV Part 2*, *Coriolanus* and *The Merchant of Venice*.

MULTIBUYS AND REWARDS PASSPORT

Book for more than one show at the same time to qualify for a multibuy discount. With a Rewards Passport you can also collect stamps to claim further bonuses. For more information please ask at Box Office or see the website.



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MULTI-BUY	SHOWS	DISCOUNT%	REWARD
Biathlon	2	5	-
Triathlon	3	10	-
Pentathlon	5	15	Free drink
Heptathlon	7	20	Backstage tour
Decathlon	10	25	DVD of Globe Theatre production
Marathon	26	35	Drinks reception
Olympian	38	50	Signed copy by all festival participants of complete works in English.

CONCESSIONS

Under 18s £3 off all seats.

Disabled patrons Half-price seats for disabled patrons plus one companion if required.

Under 3s free

SPECIAL OFFERS

FAMILY RATE

Top-price tickets £120

Family - two adults, two under 18s or one adult, three under 18s.

GROUP BOOKINGS

Book ten seated tickets and get one additional ticket free.

Tickets must be for the same performance. Please note there is limited availability for groups in all areas of the theatre. For groups including students aged under 18 a ratio of one adult per ten students is required. Adults must remain with their group throughout the performance.

DELIVERY CHARGE

All mailed tickets are subject to a postal charge of £1.50 (UK) or £2.50 (groups and overseas)

REFUNDS

Shakespeare's Globe cannot give refunds on any ticket sold.

EXCHANGES

Shakespeare's Globe can exchange tickets for another production during Globe to Globe on condition that we receive the tickets at least 28 days before the performance. There is an administration fee of £2 per ticket, free for Friends of Shakespeare's Globe.



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PLEASE NOTE

All offers and discounts are subject to availability and cannot be claimed retrospectively or be used in conjunction with any other offer. Multibuy discounts and the Rewards Passport are applicable to seated tickets only. Discounts can only be claimed for performances of Henry V on 8 and 9 June. No refunds or exchanges will be due on previous transactions.

ACCESS INFORMATION

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