

Ja to celebrate 450th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth

The Arts Foundation of Jamaica's Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts will join the world in celebrating the 450th anniversary of William Shakespeare's birth, as co-host of a special production of Hamlet, on Tuesday August 26.

Shakespeare's Globe, has embarked on a tour of Hamlet to all 205 countries in the world, to mark this important milestone event. Dubbed 'Globe to Globe Hamlet' and directed by the Globe's Artistic Director, Dominic Dromgoole, the tour takes theatre lovers on an unprecedented theatrical adventure. The small-scale production, which toured the UK, Europe and the United States in 2011 and 2012, is a fresh version of Shakespeare's classic tragedy of deferred revenge that emphasizes the play's humor and celebrates the exuberance and invention of its language. A new cast of just eight actors will perform over two dozen parts on a stripped-down booth stage in two hours and forty minutes. The show begins at 7:00 pm at the Little Theatre and tickets are available at Edna Manley College, with the proceeds from the event going towards scholarships and grants for students at Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts.