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**Shakespeare’s Globe announces full casting for the return of 2018’s**

***As You Like It***

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Shakespeare’s Globe is delighted to announce **the full cast** for **William Shakespeare’s *As You Like It*, co-directed by Federay Holmes and Elle While**, opening on **Wednesday 7 August**. The production returns to the Globe Theatre following a critically acclaimed run in summer 2018.

**Stacy Abalogun** will play Phoebe. Stacy recently graduated from RADA, where her credits included *Love and Money*, *Gig*, *Intimate Apparel* and *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*.  Her television work includes *Casualty* (BBC), *Belle de Jour*, *Double Trouble* and *Burn It* (ITV). Stacy’s dance credits include *Les Dialogues des Carmelites* (Royal Opera House), *The Adventures of Pinocchio* (Opera North), *Seven Deadly Sins* (Welsh National Opera) and *Flat Feet* (Movement Angol).

**Lily Bevan** is Duke Frederick. Lily returns to the Globe after appearing in *Doctor Faustus* and *Dark Night of the Soul* in the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse earlier this year. Lily’s previous theatre credits include *Trump’s Women* (Brasserie Zedel/RADA) and *Pheasant Plucker* (Bush Theatre). She also wrote and performed *Zoo* at the Edinburgh Festival, which transferred to Theatre 503. Lily co-wrote and performed in BBC Radio 4 series *Talking to Strangers* with Sally Phillips.

**Peter Bray** will play Oliver. Peter returns to the Globe after appearing in Playing Shakespeare with Deutsche Bank productions of *Twelfth Night* and *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* and the touring production of *Hamlet*. His other recent credits include *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Sleeping Beauty* (Watermill Theatre), *Much Ado About Nothing* (Rose Theatre, Kingston) and *The Illiad* (Royal Lyceum Theatre). His screen credits include *Casualty* (BBC) and *Love and Death*.

**Scott Brooksbank** will play Audrey. Scott has appeared in Sonnet Sunday and Shakespeare in the Abbey for Shakespeare’s Globe. His other recent credits include *Macbeth*, *Troilus & Cressida*, *Timon of Athens* (The Factory), *Gone Fishing* (Vaults Festival) and *Time to Be Late* (Bankside Merge Festival).

**James Garnon** is Touchstone. James has starred in over a dozen productions in the Globe Theatre and the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse, including Michael Longhurst’s ‘*Tis Pity She’s a Whore*, *The Duchess of Malfi* with Gemma Arterton, and Dominic Dromgoole’s final show as Artistic Director, *Pericles*. His other theatre credits include *Queen Anne* (RSC/Theatre Royal Haymarket) and *Richard III* (Almeida). James is a Globe Associate Artist.

**Bettrys Jones** reprises her role as Orlando. Bettrys’s recent theatre credits include *Wise Children* (Old Vic), Joe Wright’s *The Life of Galileo* (Young Vic), *The Little Match Girl* (Sam Wanamaker Playhouse), and Joe Hill-Gibbon’s *Edward II* (National Theatre). Bettrys is a Globe Associate Artist.

**Jack Laskey** reprises the role of Rosalind. Jack is known for his role as DS Peter Jakes in ITV’s critically-acclaimed series *Endeavour*. He also starred alongside Rupert Everett and Emily Watson in the feature film *A Royal Night Out*. His recent theatre credits include *Lawrence After Arabia* (Hampstead Theatre), *The Merchant of Venice* (RSC), *Hamlet* (Old Vic) and *The Masque of the Red Death* (Punchdrunk). Jack is a Globe Associate Artist.

**Nadia Nadarajah** reprises her award-winning role as Celia. Nadia made her professional debut on the Globe stage in 2012 with Deafinitely Theatre’s *Love’s Labour’s Lost*. Her recent theatre credits include *A Christmas Carol* (Bristol Old Vic), *The House of Bernada Alba* (Royal Exchange Manchester), *Notre Dame* (National Theatre) and *Grounded* (Park Theatre). Nadia is fluent in eight languages: five sign and three written, and was the recipient of a Broadway World UK Award for her performance in *As You Like It* in 2018. Nadia is a Globe Associate Artist.

**Simon Scardifield** is Silvius. Simon’s recent theatre credits include *Mayfly* (Orange Tree Theatre), *The Cherry Orchard*, *Lower Depths* (Arcola), *The White Devil*, *Goodnight Children Everywhere*, *The Tempest* and *Twelfth Night* (RSC). Television includes *Endeavour* (ITV), *What Remains* and *Twenty Twelve* (BBC). Simon’s writing credits include *Shakespeare, Where Are You?*, a production co-created especially for young audiences at Shakespeare’s Globe.

**Kudzai Sitima** is William. Kudzai’s recent theatre credits include *Princess and the Hustler* (Eclipse Theatre Company) and *Generations* (Chichester Festival Theatre). She has also appeared in the Globe’s Sonnet Sunday event.

**Sophie Stone** is Jaques. Sophie returns to the Globe having appeared in Morgan Lloyd Malcolm’s critically acclaimed *Emilia*, which has just finished its West End run. Her other recent theatre work includes *Jubilee* (Royal Exchange), *The Government Inspector* (Birmingham Rep) and *Herons* (Lyric Theatre Hammersmith). Television includes *Shetland* (BBC), *The Crown* (Netflix) and *The Moonstone* (BBC). Sophie won Best Actress at the 2013 Cinedeaf Festival for short film *Retreat*.

**Tanika Yearwood** reprises her role of Amiens, having just played the role of Lady Ann Clifford in the West End transfer of the Globe’s *Emilia*. Tanika’s theatre credits include *Tomorrow I’ll Be Twenty* (Complicité), *Home and Everything In Between* (Kali Theatre Company) and *Cinderella* (Lyric Theatre). Tanika is a Globe Associate Artist.

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