

SHAKESPEARE'S
GLOBE

Writer
William Shakespeare

HENRY IV Part 2 or Falstaff

VISUAL STORY

To help prepare you for your
visit to Shakespeare's Globe

Relaxed Performance

Friday 19 July 2019, 7.30pm



GETTING TO THE THEATRE

This is the Foyer. If you need somewhere quiet at any time you can come back out of the theatre into the Foyer.



Your ticket will tell you which gallery, bay and row you are in. Once you have found your row you will need to find the part of the bench reserved for you which will match the number on your ticket. If you have a Yard ticket, that means you are standing in the large open-air space. You are free to move around that space freely.



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This is the stage. For different plays, designers add pieces of set to make it look different. This is where the actors will be performing.

These are stewards. You can recognise the stewards by their aprons. The stewards are there to help you. If you feel tired, or need to exit please ask a steward. They can also show you where the toilets are. Stewards are good people to go to if you feel worried about anything.



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THE CHARACTERS OF THE PLAY



This is **Hal**.

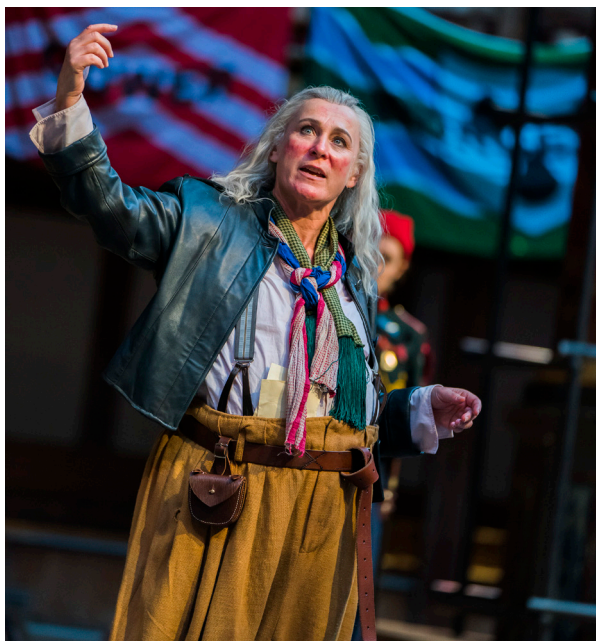


This is **Henry IV**.

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This is **Falstaff**.



This is **Quickly**.



This is **Bardolph**.



This is **Shallow**.

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This is **Lord Chief Justice**.



This is **Pistol**.



This is **Westmorland**.



This is **Boy**.

SHOW NOTES

These are notes of things that may happen during the show, or that you may want to think about for the play.

- The play is approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes long. The first half of the play is roughly one hour and fifteen minutes long. There is then an interval of fifteen minutes.
- The second part is about an hour long.
- A bell will ring in the foyer and on the piazza five minutes before the play starts. A second bell will ring two minutes before the play starts to let you know it is time to take your place in the theatre. After the interval, the same happens before the second half of the show.
- The show begins with the actors walking through the Yard and talking to the audience. The sound of voices will come from all around the theatre.
- Some of the actors will walk through the yard to get to and from the stage.
- There is music and singing in the show. The actors are not electronically amplified.
- There is some stage fighting, none of it is real fighting but it is only pretend, so nobody gets hurt.

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- Shakespeare's Globe is an open air theatre, so it is best to wear suitable clothes.
- Because it is an open air theatre sometimes (but not always) you will be able to hear things from the outside (which may be cars, helicopters, or aeroplanes, or maybe nothing at all).
- Pigeons or other birds may, but not necessarily, enter the theatre.
- You are welcome to come and go from the auditorium as you please.
- If you need quiet, you may relax in the piazza or in the foyer.

SYNOPSIS.

In *Henry IV Part One*, King Henry IV is against the Percys. The Percys are a family who believe they should be kings. One of the Percys is young Harry 'Hotspur' Percy. Hotspur enjoys battle and is willing to fight the King. The King's son is also called Harry. He is known as Hal. Hal enjoys drinking with his friends in the pub.

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King Henry IV has defeated Hotspur. The Earl of Northumberland is the father of Hotspur. He is told that Hotspur has won. He soon learns the truth. The battle was lost and Hotspur is dead. Archbishop of York is gaining power, and Northumberland goes to prepare to join him and fight the King's army.

Falstaff meets the Lord Chief Justice. Falstaff robbed someone and the Lord Chief Justice wants Falstaff to face his crimes. Because Falstaff is a war hero he is not punished.

Falstaff learns that the King is unwell.

Falstaff is told he has to fight in the battle against the Archbishop of York.

Prince Hal tries to discuss the King's sickness with his friend Poins. A mocking letter arrives from Falstaff. Hal and Poins agree to disguise themselves and spy on Falstaff and Doll Tearsheet.

Falstaff's night is disrupted by Pistol. Doll comforts Falstaff. Falstaff doesn't realise Hal and Poins are there in disguise.

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News arrives that the King is in Westminster and that Falstaff is commanded to leave to join the army.

Falstaff recruits soldiers with the help of an old friend called Justice Shallow. Several men are inspected. Bardolph is bribed by two men who do not want to fight.

News arrives at the rebel camp in Gaultree Forest that Northumberland has retired to Scotland. Westmorland arrives to discuss the situation. The Archbishop presents him with a list of their grievances against the King. Prince John of Lancaster agrees that the complaints are true. He and the rebels agree to dismiss their armies. But while the rebels immediately send their men away, the prince's men stay where they are. Westmorland arrests the Archbishop and his allies for high treason and Lancaster orders his soldiers to pursue their scattered force. In the fight, a knight gives up and surrenders to Falstaff. The prince complains that Falstaff was behind in the fighting. The prince returns to London. Falstaff thinks the prince does not like him because the prince does not drink alcohol.

In Westminster, the King's health grows worse. He is brought to bed and sleeps with his crown put beside him. Hal, thinking his father is dead takes the crown. The King revives and tells him off. Henry predicts that Hal's reign will be happier and more secure because he will have inherited the crown, not taken it. He advises Hal to fight foreign wars to keep people at home happy.

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In Gloucestershire, Shallow asks Falstaff to stay with him. Falstaff looks forward to telling Hal stories about Shallow.

Henry IV dies. The Lord Chief Justice fears for his future position under the irresponsible Hal. Hal is now King Henry V. He reassures the courtiers that he has changed. In Shallow's orchard, news arrives of the old King's death, and the party eagerly leaves for London. Falstaff is certain that Hal will reward them all with new positions and privileges.

In London, Doll and Hostess Quickly are arrested and sent to prison. On the day of Henry V's coronation, Falstaff and his friends gather in the street to greet the new King. But Henry V ignores them. When Falstaff continues, Hal banishes Falstaff from his presence. The Lord Chief Justice commits them all to prison. Lancaster approves of the new King's decisions, and looks forward to a rumour he has heard: that they will soon go to war in France.

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SONIC STORY

