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# **PRESS RELEASE**

**Tuesday 4 April**



## **SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE WELCOMES RAMADAN TENT PROJECT FOR 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OPEN IFTAR 2023**

Shakespeare's Globe is delighted to welcome **Ramadan Tent Project** to break fast on **Monday 10 April at 7pm**, in the iconic, open-air Globe Theatre as part of the **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open Iftar 2023**.

Open Iftar is a series of events organised as part of Ramadan Festival 2023 by Ramadan Tent Project. Events will be hosted across leading cultural attractions and venues, inviting people from all faiths and none to join together during Ramadan to break fast, creating spaces of dialogue, exchange, and engagement. The events include speeches, opportunities to pray, and a free meal shared by all attendees.

Since 2013, Open Iftar has connected over 500,000 people during the holy month of Ramadan through free events that are open to all. In celebration of their 10th anniversary, Iftars will be held at leading cultural venues in 10 cities across the UK. The event is free and open to all, regardless of faith. Attendees can expect engaging speeches, community, free food, spiritual reflection, prayers, and great conversations.

**Omar Salha, Founder and CEO of Ramadan Tent Project**, said: *"For the past decade Ramadan Tent Project has connected and convened over half a million people from all backgrounds through its annual Ramadan Festival and flagship initiative Open Iftar. It is with great pride and joy to celebrate our 10-year anniversary with the return of our renowned Open Iftar events at some of the UK's landmark venues. Open Iftar first started on university grounds inviting people of all faiths and none to share the breaking of fast, to build bridges and increase awareness about the month of Ramadan. To celebrate this work and our 10-year journey, the theme of 'Belonging' quintessentially culminates everything Ramadan Tent Project represents. True belonging should not require you to change who you are – rather, it is to celebrate who you are. We are delighted to showcase that Ramadan is open to all, and that our Ramadan Festival and Open Iftar events is home to a community of communities."*

**Michelle Terry, Artistic Director of Shakespeare's Globe**, said: "The embrace of our wooden 'O' is emblematic of the values shared between Ramadan Tent Project's Open Iftar and Shakespeare's Globe: a democratic space for conversation, reflection, and connection, to foster community, understanding, and empathy for all. This project has connected hundreds of thousands of people during the holy month of Ramadan, and we couldn't be prouder, or more grateful, that on their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will play host for one of their Open Iftars, celebrating our communities and our connections."

This event is free, but advance registration is required. Registration will open online on Thursday 6 April and is managed by Ramadan Tent Project, via this link: [www.shakespearesglobe.com/whats-on/open-iftar-2023](http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/whats-on/open-iftar-2023).

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### EDITOR'S NOTES

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#### IMAGES

Open Iftar: <https://we.tl/t-P7cSGGyxHm>  
The Globe Theatre: <https://we.tl/t-QEISDeG4yU>

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#### ***A Midsummer Night's Dream***

27 April – 12 August  
**Press Night: 3 May**  
#AMidsummerNightsDream  
Globe Theatre

#### ***The Comedy of Errors***

12 May – 29 July  
**Press Night: 18 May**  
#TheComedyOfErrors  
Globe Theatre

#### ***BBC CBeebies: Twelfth Night at Shakespeare's Globe***

30 – 31 May  
Globe Theatre

#### ***Macbeth***

21 July – 28 October  
**Press Night: 2 August**  
#Macbeth  
Globe Theatre

#### ***Midsummer Mechanicals*** by Kerry Frampton & Ben Hales

22 July – 26 August  
**Press Day: 27 July, 11am & 3pm**  
#MidsummerMechanicals  
Sam Wanamaker Playhouse

#### ***As You Like It***

18 August – 29 October  
**Press Night: 30 August**  
#AsYouLikeIt  
Globe Theatre

#### ASSISTED PERFORMANCES

Patrons who are members of the [free access scheme](#) are eligible for adjusted ticket prices.

#### ***A Midsummer Night's Dream***

Audio Described: 27 May, matinee  
Captioned: 19 May, evening; 13 June, matinee  
BSL: 5 June, evening; 13 June, matinee  
Relaxed: 10 June, matinee; 11 July, matinee

#### ***The Comedy of Errors***

Audio Described: 14 June, matinee  
Captioned: 8 June, matinee; 24 July, evening  
BSL: 24 June, matinee; 14 July evening  
Relaxed: 17 June, matinee

#### ***Macbeth***

Audio Described: 2 September, matinee  
Captioned: 6 September, evening; 3 October, matinee  
BSL: 18 September, evening; 3 October, matinee  
Relaxed: 21 August, evening; 17 October, matinee

#### ***As You Like It***

Audio Described: 13 September, matinee  
Captioned: 15 September, evening; 25 October, matinee  
BSL: 23 September, matinee; 25 October, matinee  
Relaxed: 28 September, matinee

#### ***Midsummer Mechanicals***

Audio Described: 9 August, 1.30pm  
Captioned: 12 August, 3pm  
BSL: 17 August, 1.30pm  
Relaxed: 11 August, 3pm; 23 August, 11am

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creative cocktails to classic dishes, summery salads, and delightful puddings. Visit [swanlondon.co.uk](http://swanlondon.co.uk) for opening times and menus.

**Background Information**

Shakespeare's Globe strives to make Shakespeare accessible for all. It is a registered charity and has operated independently since opening in 1997.

Shakespeare's Globe is a world-renowned theatre, education centre, and cultural landmark on the bank of the River Thames in London, UK. Founded by the pioneering American actor and director Sam Wanamaker, our site is home to two venues: the iconic open-air Globe Theatre (1997) and the candlelit indoor Sam Wanamaker Playhouse (2014).

Many of our productions also enjoy an extended life online through our video-on-demand service [Globe Player](#), in cinemas across the UK, and on television. We are a major venue for visiting artists, comedy, concerts and special events, and over our twenty-five-year history have produced over 43 world premieres of new plays, several of which have gone on to enjoy success in the West End, on Broadway and beyond.

Our Education department has long been one of the most active in the UK. We offer a hugely diverse programme of workshops, public events, university courses, and community projects. Our Guided Tour is award-winning, and our visitors also enjoy our on-site and online shop. The Globe Theatre is a unique full-scale replica of Shakespeare's original 1599 Elizabethan open-air theatre. Our indoor candle-lit Sam Wanamaker Playhouse is an archetype of an indoor Jacobean theatre.

**About Open Iftar**

Open Iftar is Ramadan Tent Project's flagship initiative and the UK's largest community event in Ramadan. Open Iftar invites people from all walks of life and is open to people of all faiths and none to increase community harmony, belonging, softening hearts and minds, and turning strangers into friends. 'Iftar' is the meal that is prepared and offered to Muslims observing Ramadan when breaking their fast.

Since 2013, Open Iftar has connected over 500,000 people from across the globe including unprecedented events at some of Britain's most loved & iconic cultural spaces, from the Royal Albert Hall, Wembley Stadium, the V&A, and Trafalgar Square, to our regional events at BALTIC Museum, Bradford's Centenary Square, Coventry Cathedral and many more! To mark Ramadan Tent Project's 10-year anniversary, Ramadan Festival 2023 will be hosting up to 30 Open Iftar events in 30 days across 10 UK cities.

**About Ramadan Tent Project**

Ramadan Tent Project is an award-winning charity established in 2013 with a mission of bringing communities together and developing the understanding of Ramadan. Ramadan Tent Project organises the annual Ramadan Festival, which is a collection of artistic, cultural, creative events to inspire and engage audiences from all backgrounds, in addition to the UK's largest community event in Ramadan, Open Iftar.

