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SUBJECT: Shakespeare's Globe announces James Norton, Aidan Gillen, Deborah Findlay, Trystan Gravelle and Sam Crane for the 'Winter's Tales' series, *The Changeling* and *Farinelli and the King*

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Shakespeare's Globe is delighted to announce that **Aidan Gillen** (*The Wire*, *Queer As Folk*, *Game of Thrones*), **James Norton** (*Happy Valley*, *Grantchester*) and **Deborah Findlay** (*State of Play*, *Cranford*) will perform in the Winter's Tales series in the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse over Christmas and New Year. **Trystan Gravelle** (*Mr Selfridge*, *Anonymous*) will star as De Flores alongside Hattie Morahan in Dominic Dromgoole's forthcoming production of *The Changeling*, and **Sam Crane** (*1984*, *Desperate Romantics*) will play the eponymous castrato in Claire van Kampen's *Farinelli and the King*.

BAFTA and Tony-nominated actor **Aidan Gillen** is best known for starring as Stuart Jones in the Channel 4 series *Queer As Folk*, as Tommy Carcetti in the award-winning HBO drama *The Wire* and as Petyr Baelish in *Game of Thrones*. His stage credits include *The Caretaker* on Broadway and *Glengarry Glen Ross* in the West End. Aidan will read 'The Dead' and other short stories by **James Joyce** on Monday 29 December.

James Norton is currently appearing as Sidney Chambers in the ITV series *Grantchester*. His other recent TV credits include Tommy Lee Royce in the BBC drama *Happy Valley*, and Henry Alveston in *Death Comes to Pemberley*. His film credits include *Belle* and *Mr Turner*, and his stage credits include *That Face* (Sheffield Crucible), *Posh* (Royal Court) and *Journey's End* (Duke of York's). James will read 'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button' and other short stories by **F. Scott Fitzgerald** on Sunday 4 January.

Olivier Award-winning actress **Deborah Findlay** most recently appeared in the BBC series *Cranford* as Augusta Tompkinson. Her other screen credits include *Suite Française*, *State of Play* and *Foyle's War*. Her recent stage credits include *Coriolanus*, *Madame de Sade* and *John Gabriel Borkman* (Donmar Warehouse), and *Mother Clap's Molly House* and *Stanley* (National Theatre). Deborah will read 'The Garden Party' and other short stories by **Katherine Mansfield**, in place of Juliet Stevenson who has unfortunately had to withdraw from the performance.

Trystan Gravelle has played Victor Colleano in the TV series *Mr Selfridge* since 2012. His other screen credits include *Anonymous*, in which he played Christopher Marlowe alongside Vanessa Redgrave and Rhys Ifans. He has also worked extensively with the RSC,



Shakespeare's Globe and the National Theatre, including taking the lead role in Mike Bartlett's critically-acclaimed *13* at the Olivier.

Sam Crane starred as Winston Smith in Headlong's recent critically-acclaimed production of *1984* when it transferred from the Almeida to the West End. His other stage credits include *Eternal Love* (English Touring Theatre) and *The Humans* (BAM New York). His screen credits include *Desperate Romantics*, *Call the Midwife* and *Father Brown*.

Further announcements for *The Changeling* include **Liam Brennan**, **Pearce Quigley**, and **Sarah McRae**.

Liam Brennan played Orsino in the Globe's smash hit 2012 production of *Twelfth Night* with Mark Rylance and Stephen Fry, which also enjoyed hugely successful runs in the West End and on Broadway. Liam's other Globe credits include *Measure for Measure*, *Edward II* and *Macbeth*. His extensive credits at the Royal Lyceum in Edinburgh include *A View From The Bridge*, *Othello* and *The Lieutenant of Inishmore* and his film credits include Channel 4's *Gas Attack*.

Pearce Quigley will play Lollio. His theatre credits include *The Wolf from the Door* (Royal Court), *The Winter's Tale* (RSC) and *The Seagull* (Royal Court), and his film credits include *The Way Back* and Danny Boyle's *Millions*. His previous Globe credits include a highly praised performance as Bottom in 2013's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and he has also appeared on the Globe stage in *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Doctor Faustus*.

Sarah MacRae will play Isabella, having most recently performed in *The Knight of the Burning Pestle* in the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse. Sarah was previously at the Playhouse for *The Duchess of Malfi*, and on the Globe stage for *Blue Stockings*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Taming of the Shrew*. Other credits include *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* (RSC), *Men Should Weep* (National Theatre) and *Silent Witness* on BBC One.

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EDITORS' NOTES

Winter's Tales

Sunday 21 December, 2.30pm

Anton Chekhov's short stories, featuring *The Lady with the Little Dog*, read by Penelope Wilton

Monday 22 December, 7.30pm



Katherine Mansfield's short stories featuring 'The Garden Party', read by Deborah Findlay

Sunday 28 December, 2.30pm

D H Lawrence's short stories, featuring 'Odour of Chrysanthemums', read by Roger Allam

Monday 29 December, 7.30pm

James Joyce's short stories, featuring 'The Dead', read by Aidan Gillen

Sunday 4 January, 2.30pm

F Scott Fitzgerald's short stories, featuring 'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button', read by James Norton

Monday 5 January, 7.30pm

Daphne du Maurier's short stories, featuring 'The Birds', read by Harriet Walter

***The Changeling* by Thomas Middleton**

Directed by Dominic Dromgoole

15 January – 1 March 2015

Press night: Tuesday 20 January 2015

Full cast: Liam Brennan, Brian Ferguson, Trystan Gravelle, Peter Hamilton Dyer, Simon Harrison, Joe Jameson, Adam Lawrence, Sarah MacRae, Hattie Morahan, Tom Stuart, Thalissa Teixeira, Pearce Quigley, Philip Whitchurch

***Farinelli and the King* by Claire van Kampen**

Directed by John Dove

11 February– 7 March 2015

Press night: Friday 20 February 2015

Full cast: Sam Crane, Huss Garbiya, Melody Grove, Colin Hurley, Mark Rylance, Edward Peel, Iestyn Davies (singer), William Purefoy (singer)

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