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SUBJECT: Kill Shakespeare at Shakespeare's Globe: co-creator of graphic novel series presents at Shakespeare's Globe in London.

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On **Thursday 21 May at 7pm**, two worlds collide as graphic novel **Kill Shakespeare** comes to London's historic Shakespeare's Globe. Anthony Del Col, co-creator of the acclaimed graphic novel series, will be speaking in the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse at Shakespeare's Globe as part of the summer season of special events: **Shakespeare Inspired**. Tickets at £15 and £12 available at shakespearesglobe.com/inspired

Del Col is excited about the event. On his own inspiration, he says, "The roots of Shakespeare are found in every story I consume, whether it's a play, a comic book, a film or video game. Every time I sit down to write a new story I try to do what the Bard did - create a story that would not only entertain an audience but inspire and enlighten them. To me that's what great storytelling is, and it all comes back to Shakespeare."

Shakespeare's stories have already found their way into more or less reimagined comic book settings, dating as far back as Classics Illustrated in the 1950s, through to various Manga Shakespeare interpretations and Stan Lee's recent acclaimed *Romeo & Juliet: The War* which sees cyborg Montagues battling genetically-enhanced Capulets in a sci-fi future.

Del Col will be presenting on how he and his co-creator Conor McCreery were inspired to take Shakespeare's characters and set them out not just in a different medium, but in completely new narratives: "The goal of Kill Shakespeare is to shine a new spotlight on Shakespeare's characters by having them interact with other characters in new scenarios and worlds. We boil it down to the essence of what the characters and stories are all about - drama, love, action, intrigue, comedy, double-crossing and cross-dressing. By doing so, we hope to bring Shakespeare to new generations."

Described as a combination of *Game of Thrones*, *Fables* and *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*, Kill Shakespeare is a re-envisioning in which Shakespeare's greatest characters are pitted against one another, following the protagonist, Hamlet, through action, romance, comedy and, of course, bloody violence.

Anthony Del Col will be presenting Kill Shakespeare in the newly opened Sam Wanamaker Playhouse, Shakespeare's Globe, at **7.00pm on Thursday 21 May** followed by a Q&A and book signing. More information and tickets online at shakespearesglobe.com/inspired



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