



# Globe Education Adult Course

## Monday 14 August – Friday 18 August

### Shakespeare's Globe Adult Course 2017

#### 'Shakespeare on Love'

#### Course director: Dr Jane Kingsley-Smith

This summer, the Globe is running an intensive week-long summer school programme for adults who want to learn more about Shakespeare. The course will focus on perceptions of love in Elizabethan England and give participants the opportunity to develop their interests and further their knowledge through afternoon seminars, lectures and workshops. Students will explore *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Twelfth Night* and *Romeo and Juliet*, as well as the Sonnets, looking at the depiction of love across the texts. The course will be led by expert visiting academics in collaboration with actors and directors from the Globe Theatre Company.

#### Learning Objectives

- To understand early modern theories about romantic love and the way in which they shaped Shakespeare's writing
- To examine how romantic love relates to religious and social practices such as courtship and marriage in Shakespeare's time
- To consider how objects of desire in Shakespeare are defined by age, beauty or gender
- To gain a deeper understanding of Shakespeare's plays and poetry through their depiction of love
- To consider how the idea of Shakespeare as a lover has influenced our interpretation of his works