

MAXINE PEAKE

HAMLET

By William Shakespeare

“An extraordinary Hamlet... a milestone Hamlet.” Manchester Evening News

Shakespeare’s most iconic work, Hamlet explodes with big ideas and is the ultimate story of loyalty, love, betrayal, murder and madness. Hamlet’s father is dead and Denmark has crowned a new king. Consumed by grief, Hamlet struggles to exact revenge, with devastating consequences.

From its sell-out run at Manchester’s Royal Exchange Theatre comes a film version of this unique and critically acclaimed production of Hamlet, with BAFTA nominee Maxine Peake in the title role. This groundbreaking stage production, directed by Sarah Frankcom, was Royal Exchange’s fastest-selling show in a decade.

“As a director I think you can only begin to think about doing Hamlet if you are absolutely passionate about a particular actor. Right from the beginning of this production it felt like a thrilling opportunity to explore, excavate and interrogate something with Maxine Peake, the most fearless and most courageous actor that I’ve ever worked with.” Sarah Frankcom

Hamlet is brought to cinemas by film director Margaret Williams, whose *Written on Skin* (Royal Opera House/BBC) won many awards including the Diapason d’Or. The film version of Hamlet is produced by Anne Beresford and Debbie Gray, the team behind the highly praised *Peter Grimes on Aldeburgh Beach*, which Margaret also directed.

“I was delighted to work with such an incredible team on this astonishing project. Being able to shoot creatively with eight cameras ‘in the round’ enabled us to capture the spirit of the play and create a visceral and cinematic experience.” Margaret Williams

Running times (approximate)

First half 123 minutes **Interval** 15 minutes **Second half** 70 minutes

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**directed for the screen by
MARGARET WILLIAMS**

**directed for the stage by
SARAH FRANKCOM**

Hamlet	MAXINE PEAKE
Claudius/Ghost	JOHN SHRAPNEL
Gertrude	BARBARA MARTEN
Polonia	GILLIAN BEVAN
Horatio	THOMAS ARNOLD
Laertes	ASHLEY ZHANGAZHA
Ophelia	KATIE WEST
Marcella/Player King	CLAIRE BENEDICT
Guildestern	PETER SINGH
Rosencrantz/2nd Gravedigger	JODIE MCNEE
Margaret/1st Gravedigger	MICHELLE BUTTERLY
Bernardo/Osric/Player Queen	BEN STOTT
Francisco/Reynaldo/Priest	TACHIA NEWALL
Lucianus	DEAN GREGORY
Young Company	LEYLA PERCIVAL
	NATASHA HYLTON
	MATT BOYLAN
Children	LILY-BLOSSOM TAIT
	LARA PROCTER
	JAMES PRENTICE
	JACOB RICHARDS
production designer	AMANDA STOODLEY
lighting designer	LEE CURRAN
composer	ALEX BARANOWSKI
sound designer	PETER RICE
movement director	IMOGEN KNIGHT
fight director	KEVIN MCCURDY
camera supervisor	JAMES DAY
sound supervisor	CONRAD FLETCHER
colourist	KEVIN HORSEWOOD
editor	STEVE EVELEIGH

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