

《莎翁辞世400周年：查尔斯王子和奥巴马出席》



The Prince of Wales has visited Stratford-upon-Avon to mark 400 years since William Shakespeare's death.

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The playwright was born and raised in the Warwickshire market town, and returned there when he retired.

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Prince Charles was shown around Shakespeare's family home, viewed the gardens and visited an exhibition.

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He will be joined later by the Duchess of Cornwall for Shakespeare Live - a televised performance celebrating the playwright's life.

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During his visit to the town, Prince Charles visited Holy Trinity Church, and laid a wreath on Shakespeare's grave.

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On Saturday morning, US President Barack Obama visited a London theatre dedicated to the work of the playwright.

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The Globe theatre is a replica of the circular, open-air playhouse that Shakespeare designed in 1599.

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Mr Obama watched a brief performance of a portion of Hamlet, including the famous "To be or not to be" soliloquy.

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Obama described the performance as "wonderful".

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As the US President toured the open-air theatre, he spent several minutes looking at the structure and asking questions about the seating and performances.

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Dominic Dromgoole, artistic director of Shakespeare's Globe, said: "At the end of an extraordinary journey all around the world, it is great to return home to the Globe, and to be able to perform a few scenes and to be welcomed back by President Barack Obama.

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"The spirit of 'Yes we can' has informed the entire tour, and it's an honour to meet the man who coined the phrase, and who exemplifies its spirit."

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The US President made the trip before a visit to London's Royal Horticultural Halls where he urged young people to "reject pessimism and cynicism" and "know that progress is possible and problems can be solved".

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