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Chicago Youth Shakespeare programs, including today's performance of Hamlet, are built upon the generosity of audience members like you. As the Ensemble performs tonight, we invite you to support them and CYS by making a tax-deductible donation. With your help, CYS can continue to inspire, empower, and connect students across Chicagoland to Shakespeare and to each other. Donations can be made online at chicagoyouthshakespeare.org, or in-person tonight by cash, check, or credit card (Yes! We have a Square Reader) You can also sign up for our email list to stay up-to-date on all of our news and upcoming programs.

Thank you for coming, and enjoy the show!

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S

HAMLET

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The Players

Miles Allen	King Claudius
Simon Cohen	Polonius
Jolie Davidson	Ophelia
Freedom Martin	Hamlet
Caelan Reeves	King Hamlet, Bernardo, Player King, Priest
Kiara Rivera	Horatio
Israel Terell	Laertes, Ghost, Player Queen
Anika Waco	Guildenstern, Ghost, Second Clown
Catherine Wilson	Rosencrantz, Ghost, First Clown
Sophia Zinger	Queen Gertrude

About the Play

Prince Hamlet has plenty of reasons to be depressed: His father, the King has just died; his uncle, Claudius has married his mother, assuming the throne of Denmark; and if things weren't bad enough, Hamlet is haunted by his father's ghost, who reveals his death was no accident, and that the murderer "now wears his crown". This series of unfortunate events thrusts young Hamlet into a battle with his own conscience as he struggles to avenge his father's murder. Hamlet's story challenges each of us to look deeper, to question ourselves and each other, and to confront the fears that hold us back so that we might learn to move forward and take action. This production honors that journey, and seeks to celebrate the teenage voice as a catalyst for positive change, and as a reminder to us all that coming of age is a lifelong process.

William Shakespeare's Hamlet

Adapted and Directed by Manon Spadaro

Lighting Design	Diana Kaiser
Sound Design	Jim Alrutz
Artistic Associate	Evelyn Reidy
Assistant Director	Caitlin Morely
Fight Choreography	Mark Dodge
Stage Managers	Cirese Guintini* & Kyan Dwyer*
Production Crew	Keeling Carter & Sam Kenney
Videography	Jonathan Ziebarth & Sam Doornebos
Graphic Design	Matt Spadaro

Original spoken-word text by Ireon Roach* & Victor Musoni*

Original music by Simon Cohen*

*students

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