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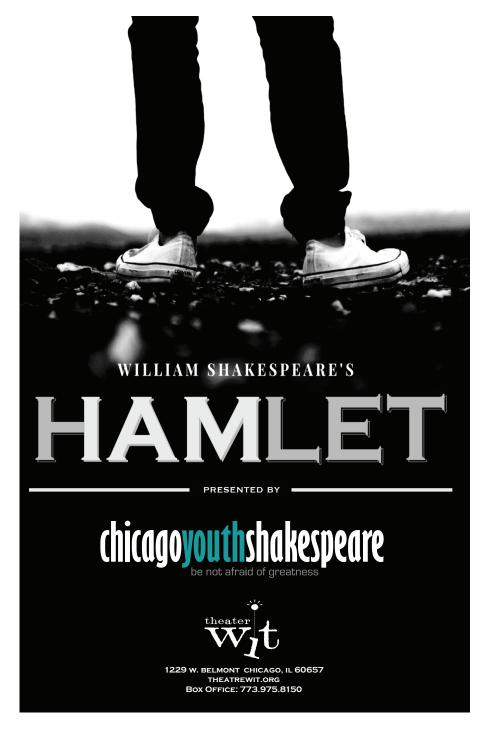
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### The Players

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# **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

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Stage Managers Cirese Guintini\* & Kyan Dwyer\*

Production Crew Keeling Carter & Sam Kenney

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Original music by Simon Cohen\*

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