

SCHEDULE FOR SHAKESPEARE –IQBAL CELEBRATION

Friday 23 April 2010

Compered by: Dr Diana Owen, Director, Shakespeare Birthplace Trust (SBT)

- 11.30 am Welcome and Introduction
Professor Stanley Wells, CBE, Chairman of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust
- 11.35 am Unveiling of the Plaque
HE Mr Wajid Shamsul Hasan, the High Commissioner for Pakistan
- 11.45 am Recitations from Iqbal's Urdu/Persian poetry
Mr Zia Mohyeddin, the renowned classical actor from Pakistan
- 11.52 am English translations
Greg Hicks, one of the finest actors of his generation, from Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC)
- 12.00 noon Highlights of Iqbal's contributions to world literature and metaphysical thought
Professor Saeed A Durrani, Chairman of Iqbal Academy UK
- 12.10 pm **Talk by** Muhammad Suheyl Umar, Director Iqbal Academy Pakistan
- 12.17 pm Chorus of school-girls singing a poem by Iqbal in Urdu
Hodge Hill Girls' School, Birmingham.
(Anchor-man: Mr Adam Chughtai)
- 12.30 pm Reception
Jointly hosted by the Pakistan High Commission and the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust
- 01.30 pm Concluding remarks
- 02.00 pm Shakespeare Birthday Lecture (Tickets £10.00)
Professor James Shapiro, Columbia University, New York
- 04.00 pm Performance by folk artistes from Pakistan at Bancroft Gardens
- 05.30 pm Beating Retreat – A concert by one of the world's best marching brass bands
At Bancroft Gardens: Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers
- 06.30 pm Civic Reception (By Invitation) at the Town Hall
Hosted by the Mayor of Stratford upon Avon, Councillor Jenny Fradgely

07.30 pm Civic Reception (by Invitation) at Shakespeare Centre
to Hosted by the High Commissioner for Pakistan,
10.30 pm His Excellency Mr Wajid Shamsul Hasan
Musical Performance by Diverse musicians from Pakistani, Russia, China,
UK and USA

11.00 am – 04.00 pm

Performance by folk artistes from Pakistan in front of the Shakespeare Centre

Saturday 24 April 2010

09.45 am Reception (by invitation) at the Shakespeare Centre
10.30 am Procession assembles
11.00 am Ceremony of unfurling flags, together with the banners
11.25 am The Children's Procession
11.30 am The Visitors' Procession
12.00 noon Reception followed by Luncheon
07.00 pm Stratford Magical Cruise
07.15 pm Birthday Performance
Royal Shakespeare Company: *Romeo & Juliet* at Courtyard Theatre

Entertainments by folk artistes from Pakistan

12.00 – 12.30 pm Bancroft - Amphitheatre
01.00 - 01.30 pm Henley Street - Jester end
03.00 – 03.30 pm Cooks Alley junction with Henley Street
03.30 – 04.00 pm Corn Market
04.00 – 04.30 pm Bancroft - Swan Fountain

Sunday 25 April 2010

10.00 am Procession to Holy Trinity Church for Birthday Service