



## SEA's new take on Shakespeare

THE Perth International Arts Festival and Southern Edge Arts present their latest offering during Taste Great Southern 2009.

Imagine Hamlet wearing his cap backwards and reciting "To be or not to be?" to an Eminem backing track.

Or Romeo and Juliet meeting for the first time online: "Romeo is now friends with Juliet Capulet", "Romeo is no longer listed as single".

"All the world's a stage," Shakespeare mused, never dreaming how literally Bollywood would take him.

Welcome to Café Shakespeare - where the atmosphere is 400 years old.

Fire-casters, jugglers, stilt-walkers, acrobats, actors, musicians, food and festivities make up the mix for this relaxed dinner-and-show event.

While some performers tumble and roll or bend over backwards to entertain, others fuse the athleticism and poetry of Shakespeare's language with their own cultural references, brilliance and wit.

Some even manage both at the same time.

There will be two performances of Café Shakespeare during Taste 2009.

Kendenup Lodge & Cottages at 217 Moorilup Road, Kendenup, hosts the first

show on Friday, February 27.

Opening at 6.30pm for a 7pm start, \$80 tickets include a three-course meal and drink upon arrival. A cash bar facility is available.

The show moves on to Forest Hill Winery, Denmark, on Sunday, March 1.

Opening at 6.30pm for a 7pm start, tickets are \$125 for individuals or \$100 for groups of eight-plus.

Ticket price includes a four-course degustation menu matched with Forest Hill Wines.

Tickets are on sale now at the Albany Town Hall Box Office on 9844 2222 or at [www.albanytownhall.com.au](http://www.albanytownhall.com.au)



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