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by William Shakespeare

Hamlet is commonly regarded as one of the greatest plays ever written. Drawing on Danish chronicles and the Elizabethan vogue for revenge tragedy, Shakespeare created a play that is at once a philosophic treatise, a family drama, and a supernatural thriller. In the wake of his father's death, Prince Hamlet finds that his Uncle Claudius has swiftly taken the throne and married his mother, Queen Gertrude. The ghost of the dead king then appears and charges Claudius with 'murder most foul.' Hamlet is called to revenge his father's death: but will he be able to act before it is too late?

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<p>Cast:</p> <p>Claudius, King of Denmark — Michael Sirois  Gertrude, Queen of Denmark, and Mother of Hamlet — Elizabeth Klett  Ghost Of Hamlet, the Late King of Denmark — dolohov  Hamlet, Son to the former, and Nephew to the present King — John Gonzalez  Polonius, Lord Chamberlain — Andy Minter  Laertes, Son to Polonius — Denny Sayers  Ophelia, Daughter to Polonius — Kristin Hughes  Reynaldo, Servant to Polonius — Thomas Wells  Horatio, Friend to Hamlet — David Nicol  Rosencrantz, Courtier — Kara Shallenberg  Guildenstern, Courtier — Karen Savage  Francisco, a Soldier — Andrew Lebrun  Bernardo, Officer — David O'Connell  Marcellus, Officer — Jordan Mueller  Voltimand, Courtier — Thomas Wells  Osric, Courtier — alleX</p>	<p>A Gentleman, Courtier — David Jaquay  Another Gentleman — mb  Clown One, Grave-digger — Brennan Holtzclaw  Clown Two, Grave-digger — Christie Nowak  A Priest — Kevin O'Coin  Fortinbras, Prince of Norway — mb  A Captain &amp; his Army — Andrew Lebrun  English Ambassador — Andrew Lebrun  First Player — Rosalind Wills  Player King — Denny Sayers  Player Queen — Kirsten Ferreri  Player Lucianus — alleX  Group Of Danes — David O'Connell  Lord — Laurent  Servant — Christie Nowak  Stage Direction — Rosalind Wills</p>
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