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HAMLET

The Soviet adaptation of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, directed by Grigori Kozintsev, has just opened at London's Academy cinema. Kozintsev spent eight years working on his screenplay, using Boris Pasternak's translation (and his researches have been published in Moscow as a book, *Shakespeare, Our Contemporary*). Says Kozintsev, 'The story Shakespeare tells is very complex and very simple. It is complex because Shakespeare's intellect probes the depths of historic processes and the invisible movement of the human soul. It is simple because it is life itself. That is why we have striven to portray against the background of Shakespeare's time, the universal, human and living qualities of the tragedy'.

The music is by Dimitri Shostakovitch

*Innokenty Smoktunovsky
as Hamlet. One of Russia's
leading actors, he has played
most of the classic rôles*



*The burial of Ophelia
after she has been drowned*

