



Goodwood
MUSEUM & GARDENS

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Ginny Grimsley
Florida Division of Cultural Affairs
R. A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Re: Southern Shakespeare Company's Application for a Specific Cultural Project Grant

Dear Ms. Grimsley:

With this letter, I am offering strong support of Southern Shakespeare Company's application for funding for their annual festival held each May in Tallahassee. The festival has grown in success each year, and is a wonderful asset for our community.

Goodwood enjoys a wonderful partnership with Southern Shakespeare Company. We have an ongoing collaboration on the *Blended Lives* educational program that teaches racial understanding through history and the arts. Last year's production of *A Town Divided* was a powerful experience for Leon County high schoolers that saw the timeless tale of *Romeo and Juliet* unfold within familiar scenes and social dynamics of our community. In addition, we have served as a venue for two touring shows (*The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* and *Zombie Shakespeare*), as well as fall and spring performances by the Bardlings. Finally, in June 2017, Southern Shakespeare brought the museum campus to life with their summer camp, an experience we are looking forward to repeating next month.

Providing our community with a place to enjoy the arts is a key component of Goodwood's mission. We love working with Southern Shakespeare Company's creative, talented, and dedicated staff and volunteers to help us carry out that mission. Please give this application the high consideration it deserves.

Sincerely,

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Co-Executive Director

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