

## Dedication

I AM DELIGHTED to serve as the Honorary Chair of the Shakespeare—Made in Canada festival and to join with Guelph-Wellington and the University of Guelph in celebrating Shakespeare!

The festival, a true collaboration among different community members, will put Canada in the international spotlight by exhibiting the Sanders portrait, the Canadian portrait of Shakespeare. As well, the schedule of events—performances of drama, music, and spoken word; museum and educational exhibitions including a wide variety of visual arts—will attract more than 60,000 students, families, arts patrons, and academics from this region and far beyond. I know of no other group of individuals and organizations that has taken on a project of this magnitude. To focus the artistic talents of the community and region on a celebration of Shakespeare is truly phenomenal.

From my years in the theatre, I have come to learn that each of us builds our own relationship with Shakespeare and that his messages, after four hundred years, still resonate with us, as individuals and as communities. I encourage you to enjoy this exhibition and to attend many of the tremendous performances and activities that are a part of the festival!

Yours sincerely,

William Hutt

Honorary Chair, Shakespeare—Made in Canada Festival