

# Introduction to the Education Program

OFFICE OF OPEN LEARNING is pleased to be a contributing partner, bridging the University of Guelph's teaching and research expertise with the Shakespeare—Made in Canada initiative. The festival is an example of how successful collaboration among communities can provide enriching cultural experiences, while highlighting our region and its people.

Shakespeare—Made in Canada brings together a wide range of rich resources that represent the extent to which the Bard has influenced Canadian culture and society. The cornerstone of the exhibition, the Sanders portrait and its journey, stokes the fires of imagination. We have translated this into the development and delivery of an interactive educational program for elementary and secondary students. Programming and school tours focus students on the growth and refinement of knowledge and skills in the visual arts, English, drama, history, and science, through Canadian adaptations of Shakespeare.

Our sincere thanks to the Upper Grand District School Board and the Wellington Catholic District School Board for their partnership in the development of the school education program. Curriculum consultants from our local school boards have made invaluable cross-curricular connections that enhance students' learning and their application of knowledge and understanding.

In addition, our appreciation to those involved with the Canadian Adaptations of Shakespeare Project and the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre for their leadership in this unique exhibition.

Enjoy this cultural celebration and experience the mystery and magic of Shakespeare.

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