

## 2. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present two applications for funding to the Board from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund. There is a nil balance in the Board's 2006/07 Youth Development Fund.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The two applications are:
  - (a) William Donald Alexander, a 16 year old who is seeking financial assistance for costs associated with travelling to London with the Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand Young Shakespeare Company 2007. This trip will occur from 29 June to 18 July 2007.
  - (b) Emma Marie Cusdin, a 18 year old who is seeking financial assistance towards costs associated with travelling to London with the Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand Young Shakespeare Company 2007. This trip will occur from 29 June to 18 July 2007.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table provides a breakdown of the funding requested.

<b>WILLIAM DONALD ALEXANDER</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Accommodation/Meals/Course Fees	\$3,200
Airfares/local transport/Insurance	\$3,300
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>
Funds raised by applicants to date	\$1,000
<b>Amount Requested from Community Board</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

<b>EMMA MARIE CUSDIN</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Accommodation/Meals/Course Fees	\$3,200
Airfares/local transport/Insurance	\$3,300
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>
Funds raised by applicants to date	\$1,230
<b>Amount Requested from Community Board</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

### BACKGROUND ON WILLIAM DONALD ALEXANDER

4. William is a current Riccarton High School student who has been acting since the age of seven, and has been involved in various school productions. Most recently, William was selected as the lead in the student directed piece put forward by Riccarton High School, in the Sheilah Winn Festivals of Shakespeare in Schools. William was chosen to go forward to the National Festival in Wellington where he won four major awards. William's performance at this Festival gained him selection in the Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand Young Shakespeare Company 2007.
5. William's ultimate goal is to work as a professional actor. His selection for this trip to London will be an opportunity to gain skills and knowledge from leading practitioners which he will be able to share with students, actors and teachers at school.

## **BACKGROUND ON EMMA MARIE CUSDIN**

6. Emma is a former Riccarton High School student who has been involved in all of her scheduled school productions and has been a member of the Canterbury Young Shakespeare Company since 2005. Emma is currently studying for a Bachelor of Arts in English and Classics at the University of Canterbury.
7. Emma has won various awards for her drama pieces and in 2006 was chosen to attend the National Shakespeare School Production in New Plymouth. Her performance at this production gained her selection in the Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand Young Shakespeare Company 2007.
8. Emma is hoping to inspire others to explore their drama options and is currently spending two lunchtimes a week taking theatre sports at Riccarton High School. Emma's goal is to become a drama teacher or director and feels this trip is a good opportunity to advance her theatre knowledge.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board allocates \$500 to William Alexander and \$500 to Emma Marie Cusdin from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund for costs associated with each applicant travelling to London with the Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand Young Shakespeare Company 2007 from 29 June to 18 July 2007.