

## COMMENDATION TRANSLATION:

Greetings,

It is the pleasure of the National Office of Scenic Arts of the Ministry of Culture to continue this contact with the University of Alabama. The projects of the generous creation with our artists by Professor Seth Panitch have served as a meritorious platform for the belief in the success of the interchange and mutual relationship.

The new stages have already been realized through this interchange, made possible by the previous production of *The Merchant of Venice* and now *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Besides the update to a contemporary production of Shakespeare for the Cubans, it has allowed us to begin a project of exchanges that pay dividends for both parties.

It is the wish of the National Office to continue these projects, as well as joint future initiatives.

Cordially,

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