

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Arts Council South East, Eastbrook Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge, CB2 8BF

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am delighted to be supporting Rich as he starts this exciting new phase in his career. Lakeside Theatre prides itself on supporting local artists and contributing valuable opportunities such as this to test work in development.

Rich is one of our valued Playwrights in Residence who works regularly with the students of Essex University. On a number of occasions Rich has collaborated on projects run by Lakeside Theatre and displayed an array of his creative skills. I agree with Rich that this project would enable him to engage with more venues, artists and audiences than ever before and open him up to new career possibilities and expand his knowledge of the industry.

His writing evokes beautiful and haunting imagery which I believe can be developed into writing an audience would relish. Moreover he is ambitious and hard working. I believe this experience will be important for him, as shown by the theatre's level of support.

Yours faithfully,

Barbara Peirson, Artistic Director

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