



## The Shakespeare 200

A Limited Edition produced for the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of William Shakespeare's death in 1616, and the first Shakespearean **17<sup>th</sup> Century Folio Quotation** limited edition ever produced.

The **Shakespeare 200** likely represents the most extraordinary Shakespearean limited edition ever created. Each of the edition's 200 quotations, imprinted within their original **1632 Second Folio Leaves**, are among the first **1500** or so copies of these immortal lines ever printed, of which only **450** or so copies survive world - wide. Further, of those 450 surviving copies, recent analysis suggests that the quotation found within the accompanying leaf of the **Shakespeare 200** edition is one of only **62** or so copies held in private hands in the entire world.

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**Each Leaf Originates** from one imperfect 1632 Folio, and thus **each quotation within this edition is unique.** Of the 300 Second Folio leaves originally available, each was first professionally conserved at the laboratory of **Etherington Conservation Services** in North Carolina. Then, after careful review, 200 Folio leaves bearing the most notable Shakespearean quotations of those available were then selected for the **Shakespeare 200** edition. Each leaf was then placed within an archival **museum - quality acrylic case** bearing its own specific leaf quotation. The unique case design allows each leaf to be safely handled for transport, classes, lectures, theater readings, and for display as a unique Shakespearean Folio display item. As the **Shakespeare 200** is a true limited edition, **a signed and numbered certification certificate** will accompany each leaf to permanently record and document it.

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**The Shakespeare 200** represents the perfect evolution of one imperfect 1632 Second Folio into one perfect limited edition, and, indeed, arguably the single finest Shakespearean limited edition ever created! The creation and sale of this unique Shakespearean limited edition will provide the following extraordinary benefits now:

- **This sale represents a unique opportunity** for 200 scholars, libraries, universities, theaters, and collectors to own one of Shakespeare's greatest quotations, **from among the first 1500 or so copies ever printed.** And makes ownership of a 17<sup>th</sup> Century folio treasure possible for them within their budgets. The purchase price paid for each leaf may also be **tax-deductible to any buyer** who uses their leaf for teaching purposes.
- **50% of the sales proceeds of this edition will be donated** to benefit the **Atlanta Shakespeare Company**, their educational programs, and the **Shakespeare Academy**. These funds will provide a significant cash influx to the Shakespeare community at a time when public funding for the arts has become quite uncertain.
- **Ten 1632 Second Folio Leaves** that are not required for the limited edition will also be generously donated to the Shakespeare Academy to significantly enhance their educational programs.
- **A Second Group** of ten 1632 Second Folio leaves were donated to the Shakespeare Academy to launch the world's first **Shakespearean 17<sup>th</sup> Century Folio Lending Library** ever created in March, 2017. This historic library represents the world's first known Shakespeare Folio Lending Library.

**The Creation of this Limited Edition** will ultimately benefit countless individuals and institutions world-wide. Each of the aforementioned benefits occurred through the generosity and vision of David Frohman, President of Peachstate Historical Consulting, Inc., and the creator and architect of the **Shakespeare 200**. Please also realize that these benefits could not have occurred from the raw material of this edition itself: namely, one imperfect Folio stored away by one dissatisfied collector until they could eventually trade it for a nicer copy. This remarkable edition is a living resource for our Shakespeare community that we hope you will truly enjoy!