

# Goodwood

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### **Goodwood Museum and Gardens stages 'Love Letters' By A.R. Gurney**

TALLAHASSEE, FL - On Thursday May 13, Goodwood Museum and Gardens presents A.R. Gurney's *Love Letters*. This Broadway hit and Pulitzer Prize nominated play promises to be exhilarating and funny.

A.R. Gurney's *Love Letters* is an enticing play that tells the story of Andrew Makepeace Ladd, III, and Melissa Gardner, two affluent East Coasters who meet in the second grade and communicate through letters and postcards over more than 50 years. The audience will have no trouble getting to know both Ladd and Gardner intimately from their strict WASP upbringing, through later life political aspirations, love affairs, ambitions.

The story carries the characters through grade school, college and middle age, marriage and divorce, dreams and disappointments, success and failure. It is ultimately the tale of unrequited love between two soul mates.

This two-character play stars Fred Chappell and Jean McDaniel Lickson. Fred Chappell is a professor of directing and the head of MFA Directing at Florida State University. Chappell also served as the Artistic Director of the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta, and was the Artistic Director of North Carolina's The Lost Colony for twelve years. Jean McDaniel Lickson is an associate professor of performance and the head of BFA Acting at Florida State University. She is also the head of the BFA Acting Program. Lickson came to FSU from New York City where she appeared in *Rebel Without a Cause* and *Moliere Improvisation*.

Goodwood Museum and Gardens will present A.R. Gurney's *Love Letters* at 7 p.m. on May 13, in the Carriage House Conference Center. Tickets are \$25 per person. To reserve tickets or for more information contact Jennel Johnson-Pendleton at 850-877-4202 ext. 225, [jpendleton@goodwoodmuseum.org](mailto:jpendleton@goodwoodmuseum.org) or visit our website, at [www.goodwoodmuseum.org](http://www.goodwoodmuseum.org). Tickets can be purchased online at [www.goodwoodmuseum.org/loveletters.php](http://www.goodwoodmuseum.org/loveletters.php).

*Goodwood Museum and Gardens, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization created to restore and maintain the historic Goodwood estate as a museum and gardens available to the public. Goodwood is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Main House admission is \$6 and children under 3 are free. Garden hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and admission is free. For group tours, please make a reservation by calling (850) 877-4202.*