



COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145006  
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DATE: 4/2/2025

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SUBMITTED BY	Commissioner, Precinct 2	PREPARED BY:	Gabriel Rivas
		APPROVED BY:	Alisa Simmons

THE STATE OF TEXAS     §  
  §  
COUNTY OF TARRANT   §

**AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, **Dance Theatre of Arlington/Shakespeare LIVE** is a community arts initiative dedicated to expanding access to live theater and educational programming to residents in Tarrant County; and

WHEREAS, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court hereby finds that the program provided by **Dance Theatre of Arlington/Shakespeare LIVE** benefits the residents of Tarrant County, Texas, and hereby declares that this **Agreement** is one of a professional service;

NOW, THEREFORE, this **Agreement** is made and entered into this 11th day of March 2025, by and between **Dance Theatre of Arlington/Shakespeare LIVE** acting by and through its duly authorized agent, and **TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS ("COUNTY")**, acting by and through its County Judge.

**Dance Theatre of Arlington/Shakespeare LIVE** and the **COUNTY** agree as follows:

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**SIGNED AND EXECUTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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 LouAnn O'Donnell  
 Founder  
 Dance Theatre of Arlington/Shakespeare LIVE

**COUNTY OF TARRANT  
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By: Separate Electronic Signature Page  
 Tim O'Hare  
 County Judge

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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 Criminal District Attorney's Office\*

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CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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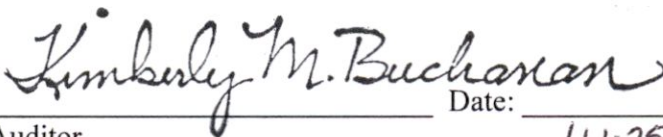
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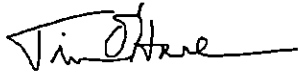
  
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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS  
and Dance Theatre of Arlington/Shakespeare LIVE (FY 2025)**

Consideration of a Grant Agreement between Tarrant County and Dance Theatre of  
Arlington/Shakespeare LIVE to Provide Support Services to Tarrant County Residents

**SIGNED AND EXECUTED** this 2 day of April, 2025.

**COUNTY OF TARRANT  
STATE OF TEXAS**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim O'Hare". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Tim O'Hare  
County Judge  
4/10/2025