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Dear Ms. Leary,

I am writing to you to tell you of the wonderful experiences we had with the Russian Duo during their stay in our community. Over the course of 3 days, they played 2 school concerts for over 800 students combined and held two separate workshops, one for preschoolers and one for the general public.

They embraced our community and made connections with each of the venues and audiences they engaged. They were very pleasant and accommodating to the schedule I set for them and were able to adapt to the different venues that were presented to them.

Putting aside all the positive professional and personal experiences I had with them, their skill level is outstanding. The music they create is infectious and was enjoyed by all. Their performances were engaging and technically brilliant. I was present at all performances and workshops and enjoyed every minute of it, so much so that I bought their cd and have played it often since they left.

Both schools are interested in having them back in the future for possible workshops or residencies and I look forward to planning those events for the opportunity to work with them again.

I hope you have as much success and enjoyment out of your engagements with them. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any specific questions.

Sincerely,

Becky Lovins
Executive Director
Portsmouth Area Arts Council