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Dear Eric:

Over the top!!! That's the only way I can describe the performances by *The Stepcrew* in Kerrville this past week. I know that *Stepcrew* is a relatively new ensemble, but I was confident that like all of the other artists you have recommended, the performance would be a success. However, I wasn't prepared for the sheer excitement, the connection with our audience, and the level of playing and dancing that we experienced during *Stepcrew's* stay in Kerrville. From the TV interview, to the master class for the members of youth orchestra, to the student outreach performance, to both evening performances, the entire company delivered!

I felt the format of the show was great. Showcasing the three dance styles and then blending the styles both visually and with the audio description was well done. The variety of dance, instrumental and vocal was well balanced and the pace of the production left the audience clamoring for more. I was surprised when I lead the cast from backstage to our lobby, following the performance, for a meet and greet/autograph session that upon entering the lobby it was packed with people anxiously awaiting the cast. Immediately a cheer and applause erupted to greet the group, and it was well deserved. I cannot begin to tell you the impact that the show had on the young people in our audience; they treated the cast like they were rock stars...truly an "electric" evening! One young man (a violinist) who attended the student outreach insisted that his parents take him to both of the evening performances, and now, in addition to his violin lessons, he is enrolling for dance lessons; his parents are thrilled!

To top off everything, everyone in the company, the cast, the band, the crew, were all terrific to work with throughout the entire three days. Our own stage crew loved working with *Stepcrew's* crew and felt that the entire experience was extremely rewarding. And, of course, from day one so many months ago, Stephanie and Jon have been extremely accommodating and gracious.

Thanks again for all of your assistance in bringing *The Stepcrew* to Kerrville. Your hard work and professionalism gave our community three days of excitement that will not soon be forgotten.

Sincerely,

Gregory L. Talford
Artistic Chair