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To Whom It May Concern:

It is indeed an honor to speak to the incredible talent, energy, and passion that invades every room in which Thaddeus Rex steps. For us in Indiana County, this takes on special meaning as we all had to deal with an 18-inch snowfall, specialized residency work, and a partner presenter with whom we have never worked.

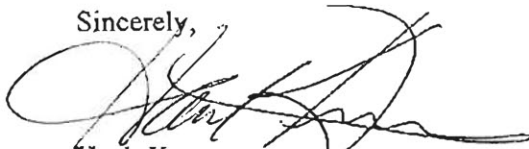
First, his outreach. He expertly presented two performances for the Blairsville Elementary School. Grabbing and holding their attention for forty minutes, he deftly worked them through a logical flow of music, composition, and the importance of reading. He kept their exuberance at bay without dampening their growing spirit.

Second, we challenged Thaddeus to present a workshop for teachers and professional artists through our ArtsPath program. This program is dedicated to arts-in-education, bringing teachers together with area professional media, literary, visual, and performing artists in residencies of ten days or more. His ability to develop a plan around grabbing and sustaining student participation was inspiring. Despite the beginning of our snowstorm, the sessions were well attended and provided great insight for the participants.

Finally, Thaddeus was scheduled to do a solo performance in a recreation center. We had not had a performance there before and were testing the waters with this facility and management. Well, ice and snow were the more likely elements that challenged us. We seriously considered canceling, but Thaddeus was ready and able so the show did go on. Albeit with a small audience, it proved to be the work of a real trooper and was stunningly received.

Thank you to Thaddeus Rex for bringing something very special to our community.

Sincerely,



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