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CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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Dear Justine, Greg, Scott, Malcolm, Simon, & Sarka:

Thank all of you *so much* for all the fabulous performances of last week. It was the first time I had ever booked a residency, scheduling so many different types of activities in a short time period. I estimated that we had a combined audience approaching 3,000 people! In all performances Scrap Arts Music demonstrated an incredibly high energy level, combined with compelling rhythms and intricate choreography.

Many, many Discovery family series subscribers have told me that Scrap Arts Music was their favorite show in the series (even stretching back several years!). I can only imagine the homes of this group on Sunday night as the children scoured the house for interesting sounding "stuff" and set up their own found sound orchestra. The participation part of the show was fabulous – for the adults as well as kids. I'm sure we have many budding percussionists as a result of your shows.

The middle school students, numbering over 1,700, were similarly mesmerized by your arresting and magnetic performances. Only one of the 1,700 left the theatre to go to the restroom – the sure sign of an excellent performance! It's hard to find programs that really engage this difficult age group but Scrap Arts Music was perfect!

Jeff Fischer, head of percussion studies, came in the day after the applied percussion seminar, raving about how valuable the session was for percussion majors. I think it was particularly interesting that you worked with them on African and Indian rhythms, talking about an aural tradition of learning rather than the Western written methods.

I also thank you for your patience and professionalism while dealing with our technical difficulties and a student tech crew. The performances went very smoothly and only we were aware of things that were less than perfect lighting-wise.

All in all, it was great having you here! Please use me as a reference should the occasion arise. I look forward to hearing about Scrap Arts' continued success and to working with you in the future.

Warmly,

Christine H. Brown
Director