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Dear Chris,

The Three Lakes Center for the Arts is extremely grateful for your outstanding performance on Sept. 20. We hope you will grace us with a repeat whenever you can justify a visit to our remote little berg in the Wisconsin North Woods. To have an entertainer of your caliber agree to make the trip to a 100 seat, not-for-profit little theater, in a town with fewer than 1000 residents off-season is remarkable.

Your technical skill and musicality made an unforgettable impression on our audience. Many people have said you are the very best they have ever heard and have made impassioned pleas to me for your return.

But in addition to your performance, something else will live in my memory. The extraordinary sensitivity and focus you showed to the people who took your workshop, regardless of age or level of talent, illustrated your commitment to your art and your true professionalism. I'm quite certain you changed one young man's life.

Despite many life challenges, you have been tireless in your pursuit of musical perfection. Your desire to share your story and your gift is quite touching. We wish you all good things and look forward to your next visit, whenever that may be.

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