



## THE 52ND STREET PROJECT

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Mr. Bill Usher  
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KICKING HORSE CULTURE  
Art Gallery of Golden & Studio Gift Shop  
516 9th Avenue N. Golden  
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Dear Bill-

We are writing to you to express our deepest thanks on behalf of The 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Project and the Project's Teen Ensemble. We are all still feeling euphoric after the amazing three days we spent in Golden.

First of all, we'd like to say that the Golden Civic Centre is a beautiful space and you and your Kicking Horse Culture colleagues should feel very proud indeed to have brought it back from the brink of doom. As soon as our young company arrived, they felt very much at home on the spacious stage in that bright and open room. It is a perfect place to do any presentation.

Secondly, we want to praise you and the two Mikes for welcoming us so warmly into your community and trusting us completely with your building and your audience. As soon as you handed us the keys we thought, "This is a great place and this is a great circle of people."

We must also give kudos to that excellent audience. They arrived, 160 strong, to see a bunch of teen-agers from New York City do William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." They had never met our kids or heard of The 52nd Street Project before, but they all immediately understood that our mission is not only to present the best shows possible, but to give young people singular, transformative experiences and expose them to new cultures and places they've never encountered before. That instant understanding made them a wonderfully receptive group that rose to their feet as they applauded. Even the little ones had a good time. I like the words of one very young attendee: "I'm so glad I came. I didn't get

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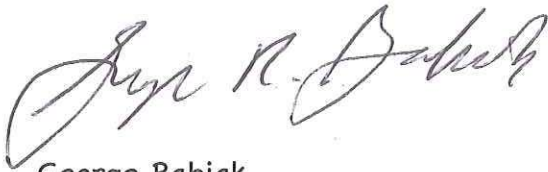
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everything that was going on, but it was awesome." Our teens felt very good after that show.

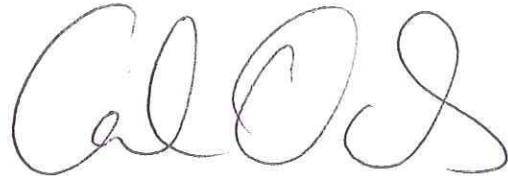
Finally, we have to thank all the other people of Golden who made us feel at home in your fine town: The great staff of the Island Restaurant for feeding us so well; the generous proprietors of the Kicking Horse Mountain Resort for providing us all with free gondola and chairlift rides; Mike and Madeline for making a great film, Boo the Bear for putting on a great show for us; the generosity and patience of the Golden Bakery; and the kind service at the Rondo Motel. We will all cherish our Golden memories!

If all goes well, we would love to come back in 2017!

Warmest regards,



George Babiak  
Production Manager



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Executive Director