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Mr. Ray Koskie, Q.C.
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Dear Ray:

Ellen and I, as part of our year-end donations, are pleased to provide you with the enclosed cheque for \$1,000.00 as a contribution towards the work that JPEC has done, and hopefully will be able to continue doing in new and creative ways in providing Outreach programs bringing musicians into local schools to better familiarize students with how music is created, and for them to appreciate the process and the joy therein. We are certain that "arts" programs like JPEC's Outreach program, whether in the classroom, in addition to the classroom, or as extracurricular activities, or with various video series, makes for better well-rounded students, and later adults.

The Pandemic that we here in Canada, and around the World, are currently struggling with, has seriously hurt many segments of our society, including particularly the arts community in its various segments. JPEC has made an effort in its particular way, to help ameliorate the damage with its "Keeping Jazz Alive" and "KidsBeat" series, the AKM concerts, and the 'Jazz Student Trio' series at the Diwan Restaurant at the Aga Khan Museum, a number of which performances Ellen and I attended. The performances of those students were first rate and made dining at the Diwan on the Museum's patio a delight. Unfortunately, the inevitable onset of the cooler weather brought those outdoor performances on the patio to an end this year. Hopefully they will be able to resume next year and we will look forward to that. When indoor dining resumes, perhaps appropriate arrangements can be made for the students to perform inside that restaurant or indeed in some other venues.

So, thank you to you and to the volunteers in the JPEC organization, and the many musicians that you and JPEC work with and support.

Sincerely,


Murray Blankstein

Enclosure: cheque