Public School 199

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for the The Hevreh Ensemble. Our school was fortunate to have The Hevreh Ensemble perform for our fourth and fifth grade students on February 27, 2015.

From the moment the Ensemble began performing our students were mesmerized. For many of our students, it was perhaps the first time they had seen professional musicians play together to make beautiful music. They performed original works composed by group member Jeff Adler. Each piece and instrument was introduced in a way that was engaging and accessible by our students. The Native American Flutes were particularly interesting to the children because it directly relates to their Social Studies curriculum.

The Hevreh Ensemble also provided our students with opportunities to create a dance to one of the pieces they performed, and to join them on stage and accompany the Ensemble with percussion instruments. The Hevreh Ensemble provided our students with the opportunity to see and experience the joy of making music and what it means to be a musician. Both students and teachers have told me it was an experience that they will never forget.

I hope that the Hevreh Ensemble continues to receive the funding to be able to provide these valuable and memorable experiences to children. PS 199 is certainly grateful that they brought their music to our school.

Sincerely,

Rosalia Bacarella Principal