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Dear John Toohey,

On behalf of the dance students at Brandeis High School, I would like to thank you and ARTS San Antonio for bringing such a prestigious modern dance company to San Antonio. I am truly grateful that your organization gave my students the unique experience of participating in a Paul Taylor master class and then provided us with complimentary tickets to their program at the Majestic Theatre Tuesday night.

My students were thrilled to be selected as one of two San Antonio campuses to host this master class. In the weeks leading up to this event, my students researched the Paul Taylor Dance Company and watched videos of their performances. The class, taught by James Samson, challenged and motivated my dancers to push beyond their comfort zone and really feel the movement. Since the majority of my students concentrate on ballet and jazz technique, this modern dance class allowed them to explore a different genre of dance. As an educator, I am so thankful that ARTS San Antonio made it possible for my students to expand their movement vocabulary and work with a professional dancer currently in the field. Additionally, we had an accompanist provided for this master class. Live music challenged my dancers to work with the musician and connect their movements to the music even more.

The Paul Taylor Dance Company performance at the Majestic was breathtaking. My students were amazed by the ease, articulation, and expression the Paul Taylor dancers performed with. They were thrilled to see the same movement phrases they were taught in class translated to the stage. The entire program inspired them to keep working in class and strive to perform like these incredible dance artists.

Many thanks to you and ARTS San Antonio for enriching my students' dance education and making this once in a lifetime experience possible.

Sincerely,

Jackie Aguirre
Ballet Company Director
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