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Dear John Toohey,

On behalf of the dance students at Clark High School, I would like to thank you and ARTS San Antonio for bringing such a prestigious ballet company to San Antonio. I am truly grateful that your organization gave my students the unique experience of participating in a master class with the Scottish Ballet. My students were thrilled to be selected as the Northside campus hosting this master class.

In the week leading up to this event, my students researched the Scottish Ballet and watched videos of their performances. The class, taught by Bethany Kingsley-Garner and Sophie Martin, challenged and motivated my dancers to push beyond their comfort zone and really feel the movement. Since the majority of my students have very little dance training, learning from professionals was a new and exciting experience. The students were ecstatic to learn actual choreography from *A Street Car Named Desire* and enjoyed performing for each other at the end of the class.

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

Sincerely,

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