

December 21, 2009

Mr. Alexander Kaminsky Director of Bands Buchholz High School 5510 NW 27th Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32606

Dear Mr. Kaminsky,

Please accept my sincere congratulations on the performance of the Buchholz High School Wind Symphony last Thursday, December 17, 2009 at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago. The forum is the most prestigious in our business, and the performance of your ensemble was discussed by many as a high point, both in musical precision and in programming.

Getting a chance to see your dress rehearsal last Wednesday evening, I was not surprised by the detail with which the students approached their music making. From your website through itinerary, every detail was well-planned, and student demeanor on-site reflected a genuine respect for the community and school as ambassadors for Buchholz High School and themselves as individuals.

Further, I am sincerely appreciative that you and the students allowed me to use the ensemble as a live clinic group on Saturday, December 19. The students demonstrated their fine training by being extremely flexible to various pedagogical concepts I used in the clinic, and it is not surprising that many compliments about the clinic centered on the artistry of the students. . . a reflection of fine training and genuine effort. Please convey my thanks to the ensemble for participating in such a meaningful way. . . and always with a smile!

I offer continued best wishes as you enter 2010. No doubt, there will be many more successes for you all!

Sincerely,

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