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Dear Terry and Oleg,

On behalf of the Siesta Key Chapel Arts Series I would like to thank you for your splendid concert on Sunday, January 30. I could easily see the faces of the audience from my vantage point in the choir loft. Those faces were brimming with enthusiasm and joy as they experienced your music.

Your entertaining, engaging personalities instantly put the audience at ease and enabled the audience to dance to the music from the seats. Tears of joy were visible in some of the faces, and exuberant smiles as well. The sad songs swept the audience members away with their pathos, while the dance music charmed with its own magic. It is without doubt that Oleg is a master of the balalaika and Terry a master of the piano.

The audience participation segment was very cleverly handled. When you handed out some percussion instruments for the audience members to play, their experience was enhanced even more through their own expression. The concert never wavered in its ability to capture the essence of the music.

Hearing Oleg explain the history of the balalaika was very interesting. The descriptions of the music and arrangements were very helpful. You are both doing a great thing by performing this music in new and unique arrangements that are accessible to the public.

Thank you for visiting Sarasota. I extend an open invitation to perform again on our arts series at a future date.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Roberts-Greene
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