



Medina

City Schools

[**Garfield
Elementary**

**Principal
Karen McGinty**

Russian Duo
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To whom it may concern:

We were honored to have the Russian Duo visit Garfield Elementary. The workshop they presented to over three hundred students shared not only music, but traditional Russian culture and history as well. The entire presentation was fully engaging. Terry and Oleg effortlessly created a friendly, playful, positive learning environment for our students. Their years of teaching experience allowed them to easily interact on a child-friendly level.

In addition to being the audience, students were also invited to interact, participate, and even lead parts of the workshop. This went very smoothly, thanks in part to a materials provided by the Duo weeks before their visit. It included information, history, culture and questions for the students both pre and post-workshop.

Oleg's virtuosic balalaika and Terry's wonderful piano were accented by singing, percussion instruments, and folk dancing performed by our students. The Duo performed traditional pieces, classical music, and even delved into other cultural territories. Their musicianship was matched only by their professionalism. We look forward to future collaborations. My sole regret is that we did not have more time to spend with them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mr. Nick Dominguez".

Mr. Nick Dominguez
General Music Instructor