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To Whom it May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend the Russian Duo for school groups, cultural entertainment, musical programs, and adults and children of all ages.

Every performance that this group does is filled with energy, beautiful melodies, history and folklore, unique staging and all combined with love! Both Terry and Oleg are talented and professional, and the product of years of training and study.

The program called "Troika" (<http://www.russianduo.com/education.html>) was performed for our school at an assembly. It was dynamic and well received by all. But the workshop really zoned in on the concept of teamwork—especially appropriate for our Montessori students.

Terry's teaching style exemplifies her experience with children. She provides just enough information up front for the children to understand the history of the Troika dance. We hear about the unique way that the horses are harnessed together, and learn some Russian words for bells and harness. Then, the dance is taught in a manageable, step by step, order. Like the horses, the children stood three across and had to work in unison. They had to listen to the music and know when they were at the first, second or third part of the dance. Teamwork is the focus and the dance reinforces this concept. Since the program creates and directs energy in a positive manner, the children experience joy stemming from the music and most of all the movement.

Student also enjoyed accompanying Oleg. They took turns playing authentic, Russian traditional percussion folk instruments and dancing.

The Russian Duo brings us the gift of live music, with its history, culture, and energy to rejuvenate our lives as only art can do! Please consider them for your next musical program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Abigail Wexler". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Abigail Wexler
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