

PUSHCART PLAYERS - Letters from Presenters

"Dear Larry, I cannot thank you enough for helping us to book the Pushcart Players! You were so kind and encouraging on the phone and as I stood and watched the marvelous performance, I certainly thought of you. We had about 175 patrons (ranging from 80+ to infants) in attendance, and everyone was just thrilled with the performance! The show was very professional and everything ran so smoothly. I felt like we had brought Broadway right to Santa Paula! And everyone from Rob, the stage manager, to Robin, Oscar, Phoebe, and JD could not have been nicer. They were so kind to the children afterwards also and took questions, posed for pictures and even signed autographs. Thank you so much, Larry, for helping us to bring such a high quality performance to Blanchard Community Library!" - Most Sincerely, Ilene Gavenman

"From the caliber of the artists they employ to the original musical scripts they develop, I am always pleased with the product they offer...Pushcart Players is an exceptionally organized and collaborative organization. The administrative staff is adaptable, available, and amenable to working in various spaces and accommodating special requests and circumstances. Since 1995, I have seen children grow up with the Pushcart Players. They are continually entertained, taught, amazed and captivated by the performances. My son, almost five, loves the theater and has seen numerous productions, but his favorite troupe remains Pushcart Players. His love of the theatre is one example of how Pushcart Players has introduced arts to the children." - John Wooten, Kean University, (Union, New Jersey)

"We'd like to thank you and the wonderful members of Pushcart Players who came to Manchester, Vermont to give two 400-student audiences a production of PETER & THE WOLF that they absolutely loved and will never forget! It was a marvelous day!" Paula G. Albertsson, Northshire Performing Arts Center (VT)

"The show itself (Peter & The Wolf) was excellent and well-received--

several kids told me it was the 'coolest' show they had ever seen. I would definitely like to have them back next year...the troupe was wonderful to work with and highly professional..." - Jerry Aldridge, Catamount Arts, St. Johnsbury, Vermont

"...the play (Peter & The Wolf) was the ideal mix of theatre and music; and the Players are full of energy, talented and engaging. The children were on the edge of their seats during the entire performance. I will contact you soon to insure routing for the Pushcart Players in our 2007-2008 season." - Cathy Weiss, Director, Wickenburg Foundation for the Performing Arts

"The Pushcart Players' performance of Peter and the Wolf was just wonderful. Both performances were played to capacity houses. We had young musicians in the lobby from the Norwalk Youth Symphony playing the instruments represented in the play and showing the youngsters in the audience the instruments. The company is efficient, professional and I heard very nice comments from our technical staff. I have had only positive feedback from audience members. The Pushcart Players did a great job at kicking off our new Family Festivities series. They looked good which made me look good. Thanks." - Hyla Crane, Director of Education, Westport Country Playhouse

"The children were enthralled- it was the best show in my 11 years as principal of P.S. 98!" - Mrs. Huggins, P.S. 98 Queens

"Thank you for the wonderful presentation [and workshops] of The Last . . . Butterfly. Our students gained so much . . . worth more to them than anything I could deliver in my classroom. You have truly touched the lives of many of our students through this integral part of the Holocaust unit." - Elizabeth N. Tulin, Teacher, Fox Lane Middle School, Bedford, NY

"I congratulate you on your outstanding presentation! . . . Students were held spellbound . . . It was truly wonderful!" - Marie R. Morrissey, Principal, Jersey City Public Schools,

"You've outdone yourselves! 'Wow! What A Century!' is a winner!! We love the Pushcart Players!" - Enid Lieberman, Teacher/Parent, Bi-Cultural Day School, Stamford CT

". . . thank you for the truly inspirational presentations at our schools. . . . Century was absolutely fabulous and feedback we received from the teachers was exceptional!" - Jill Rakotci, Zena Lisa, Cultural Arts Committee, North Caldwell School District

"We were thrilled to have you at Tomlinson Middle School today - It's a great experience for all of our students to be so professionally entertained and to learn so much about history in the process!" - Ann Curran, Cultural Arts Chair, Fairfield CT School District

"Your whole program - from beginning to end - was perfect! Your group is so professional, it is a pleasure to have them come to Brookdale!" - Pat Podkul, Program Coordinator, Brookdale School, Bloomfield, NJ

"Having the complete attention of five thousand fourth through eighth graders for an hour in a theatre without walls is a remarkable feat . . . the audience was totally captivated! Congratulations!" - Carol Gallagher, Arts Center Coordinator, PNC Bank Arts Center

" Outstanding program! Feedback from both teachers and students was overwhelming!" - Rimantas Bitenas, Principal, Battin Middle School, Elizabeth, NJ

"The pARTnerships Residency was a great help [with] curriculum and state testing standards! Students developed a greater appreciation for theatre. They developed critical analysis skills, problem-solving skills and were better able to relate to peers. " - A. Christmas, Teacher, Grade 4, Newton St School, Newark, NJ