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Dear Vitaliy,

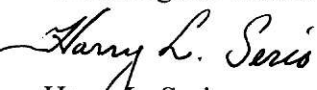
What an extraordinary performance by Golden Gates and Moscow Nights this evening. We were so impressed by the sheer beauty and virtuosity of the presentation, and it was a delight to see these wonderful children perform with such skill and charm. Without a doubt the entire audience was overwhelmed with the pleasure of seeing this outstanding group share a bit of the Russian culture with us.

The Russian people have contributed so much to the music, arts, and science of human civilization, and we are grateful that you have brought a sampling of the Russian culture to American audiences. The experience of having the children stay with our host families has done much to enrich our understanding and appreciation of one another. It was also gratifying to know that you are doing this on behalf of *Music in Mission* and the *Rotary Children's Fund* to benefit orphans of Russia and other countries. I commend you and your wife, and your artistic director for making this such a great experience for the people of Kutztown.

On a personal note, I am very grateful to you for helping me re-establish my own historic and family connections to Russia. My grandparents emigrated from Russia in the early part of the twentieth century and I grew up hearing many stories, folktales, and songs from the old country. It was so wonderful to see them brought to life again. I also appreciate your translations from the old letters that helped me recapture a part of my past.

I look forward to your return to our area and wish you well on your tour.

With all good wishes and blessings,

  
Harry L. Serio