

Letters

We have received letters from choir parent Andrea Peterson who sent a note in early January and former choir parent Ellen Waugh who sent a note in February.

Dear Jon,

Please accept this belated but sincere thanks for and congratulations on a truly wonderful winter concert. Overall, this season was so strange without the myriad of concerts, tree lightings, school events, and other gatherings that normally mark the end of the year. I recall ruefully how in years past it sometimes seemed such a rush and such a crowded schedule... how I missed the events this year. The FCCC concert was a light in the season. It was beautifully done. The opportunity to hear children's voices singing was a true blessing. It touched my soul in the place that is grateful for the things in life that really matter: family, friends, companionship, togetherness (even if not in the traditional way), beauty. That everyone came together in these difficult times to produce a concert with hope and spirit and light was truly wonderful.

I know it was an enormous task to put the winter concert together, and I know it's only a short time to assemble the Broadway show. Please know that your efforts and the efforts of all the conductors, staff, and choristers ARE making a difference. You are keeping our children singing, giving them structure, allowing them to interact, and sharing your art with all the adults who love them.

Thank you.

Happy new year, Jon, and thank you for all you do.

Andrea

Hi Jon –

I hope this email finds you well. This past week, I dropped Katherine's choir dress with Barbara Peck (along with a donation) so another generation can "have fun being awesome." We can't wait for the Broadway concert.

Here is a testament to the foundation that FCCC has provided. Katherine's collegiate acapella group, Duke Out of the Blue, was included on the recently released 2021 BOCA (Best of Collegiate Acapella) album (available on streaming platforms - Spotify, Apple Music). Katherine was the music director and principal arranger for the group for 2 years. The other cool thing is - Jared Bovine's group at Vanderbilt University, Harmonic Notion, also has a track on the album! I believe that he was the music director and arranger for his group. What a terrific accomplishment for all involved!

Best Regards,
Ellen

In early January Jacqueline Sugrue-Tait received memos from the composers of two of the songs from our Winter Concert.

Here is what Linda Sobo said about our video of *One Candle, One Flame*:

Congratulations to you all on a fantastic concert. It was wonderful and uplifting in so many ways. The performance of my song was so heartfelt and so beautifully sung. I was thrilled. (I loved watching each singer so close, something you don't get to do at a live concert!) Thank you again for including me. My grandkids were mesmerized! They are moving to Fairfield and Redding in the coming months, they were inspired to audition when they get older! I love the FCCC and their amazing voices, talent and spirit!

Here is what Maggie Wheeler said about our video of *Let Me Sing For You*:

*Dearest Jacqueline,
My heart is bursting. This is so wonderful & I am so honored to see and hear the children singing my song !!! Absolutely beautiful. Please let the kids know how thrilled I am. Many thanks and please keep my posted with all of your wonderful work!!!
Maggie*