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Edgar East and Karin Stein
Calle Sur
Leihner Arts and the Talent Connection
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Dear Ed and Karin:

It was a pleasure hosting *Calle Sur* in Marshalltown to conduct residency activities and a public concert at the Marshalltown High School Auditorium last week.

During the course of the past few years and with the activities in Marshalltown, I have personally enjoyed watching your involvement and interaction with youth. Both of you have a magical means of presenting your craft and Latin American message to a diverse community. It was wonderful seeing you both work with toddlers at the Marshalltown Library, introducing them to Spanish words with standard American nursery rhymes, such as the *Itsy Bitsy Spider*, but also involving them in a traditional Latin American story as well. Your sessions at the high school gave students a glimpse of culture and music of Latin America in addition to addressing diversity and stereotypes.

The evening concert of *Latin Fiesta* engaged the greater community of Marshalltown and introduced new rhythms to some, while others recognized familiar tunes. *Calle Sur*'s program also encompassed entertainment and education of Latin American culture and folk tales. The audience enjoyed the performance and the personal touch you both shared.

Thank you Ed and Karin for your hard work and dedication to your Latin American heritage. I truly look forward to working you both again real soon.

Much appreciation,

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