



May 30, 2006

Ms. Karin Stein
Artes Latinas, "Los Llaneros"
135 Cornwall Avenue
Waterloo, IA 50702

Dear Ms. Stain,

Through this letter I wanted to express a sincere thank you for your performance on May 19, 2006 at Armstrong Atlantic State University. As a "Venezolana" living and working abroad, I was overwhelmed with joy as you and the **Los Llaneros** ensemble performed the beautiful songs I heard growing up in my home country. The artistic authenticity you displayed was beyond anything I had heard in the United States, much less in little Savannah, Georgia!

You stole Savannah's heart with your regional folklore, beautiful voice and enthusiastic performance. Our Colombian and Venezuelan audience members and I, shed tears of joy as you made us feel at home during your two-hour performance. Our American audiences were mesmerized by your ballad-like melodies, intricate harp and drum solos and the "upbeat", fast tunes that only ethnic folklore such as Llanero music can achieve. AASU and Savannah were moved by your performance. It was simply magnificent!

Your show was an outstanding demonstration of the passion you feed to traditional and dying forms of art such as rarely found Llanero music. I admire your dedication to this musical art form and am grateful to have sponsored your presentation on our campus. I look forward to bringing you back to Savannah, as I know you will continue to excite new audiences as you introduce them to the beauty of Llanero music. Again, thank you for a memorable performance.

Sincerely,

Melody Ortiz
HOLA Program Coordinator