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Dear Simon

Hallé for Youth 2014 – KEEP THE HALLÉ FIRES BURNING

Please excuse the delay in writing to you, but I just wanted to thank you and your staff and congratulate all the children involved for their magnificent contribution to this year's Hallé for Youth Programme. The children performed brilliantly in both culminations and our two players, Helen and Christina, both commented on how much they had enjoyed working at your school.

We realise that there's quite a lot of pressure on the children in this project because they have to perform at The Bridgewater Hall in front of large audiences and I thought they did a great job. Their musical creativity was excellent and all our players commented at the culmination that the dance piece they had created with the Northern Ballet School students was exceptional. Please convey my thanks to Vicky Gresty for helping us make the workshops go smoothly with the class.

We have had a lot of very encouraging positive feedback for this year's concerts. Indeed, some have commented that we should perform the same concert for an adult audience! From the very beginning of the process we were never in any doubt that this was going to be a difficult subject but, at the same, something we felt was very necessary and ultimately worthwhile. Thank you once again for helping us to bring this off and make it so successful.

All good wishes.

Yours sincerely



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