

2014 GREAT PROGRAM QUOTES

10.4.14 Georgian Manor Chesapeake Marc Pessar of "Beige"

"...the daughter of a resident in a memory care facility approached and told me that while I was playing she saw a light in her mother's eyes that she had not seen for a very long time. Such is the power of music to reach those who are difficult to connect with by other means.

We receive much more than we give in playing music for and with our TAO audiences.

7.12.14 King's Grant House VA Beach Artist: Synnika Lofton

"[The best thing about the program] The lovely way the music and poetry blended. It was inspiring to read about more poems."

7.15.14 – The Up Center / Camp Horizon Norfolk Artist: Arthur Lopez

"Arthur did a great job and the campers loved it! Even the more introverted campers were very lively and participated."

9.17.14 – VA Beach PALS Program VA Beach Artist: Kaliki Dancers

"I like to dance with the ladies--have them come back again!"

9.15.14 – The Newport Newport News Artist: Touch of Class

"[The best part of the program was] watching the happiness of the German lady as she heard songs from her home!"

"Everyone enjoyed it, especially when they played German songs for the German lady next to me."

8.9.14 – St. Mary’s Home for Disabled Norfolk Artist: Hurrah Players

“Very professionally done -- wonderful as usual. Our children were very engaged.”

6.8.14 – The Gardens of VA Beach VA Beach Artist: Youth Classical Violin & Cello

“I thought they were one of the best groups that we have and at the Gardens. Music was beautiful and well organized. Excellent program.”

6.3.14 – Naval Med Center Portsmouth Portsmouth Artist: Emily Cable McKenna

“Emily dealt with a difficult 4 year old and did an amazing job. Thank you for making his day so much more positive! Please come again!”

“Emily was really helpful with my son Erick. Show [sic] him a couple of new tricks painting. Need more people like her.”

5.22.14 – The Memory Center VA Beach Artist: Emily Cable McKenna

“Seeing satisfaction, approval, and happiness on residents' faces; validation that they still can express themselves in an artistic way.”

5.20.14 – Transitions Violence Prevention Program Hampton Artist: Amanda Wallace

“I enjoyed it and will teach my child what I've learn [sic]. Have to get over or learn how to be around people.”

5.14.14 – Ches Health and Rehab Center Chesapeake Artist: Kaliki Dancers

“Fabulous! I have never seen Hawaiian dancing”

“[Best part about the program] how friendly they are and how well they danced.”

5.8.14 – Sentara Nursing Center Norfolk Norfolk Artist: Marsha Wallace

“The dancing puppet made me laugh. I've never seen one like that before.”

4.18.14 – Holiday House of Portsmouth Portsmouth Artist: Skye Zentz

“Really good. Wonderful engagement with participants. My favorite artist so far. Artist was able to get a child who does not usually talk very much, to sing along with the group. Love to have her back!”

4.17.14 – VersAbility Resources Copeland Hampton Artist: Touch of Class

“Everyone present were all smiles. The artists interacted very well with the individuals. The individuals danced the whole time.”

7.21.14 – Autumn Care Suffolk Suffolk Artist: Harvey Willis, Music & Memory program

“Mr. Willis surely put smiles on everyone’s faces as they enjoyed clapping and singing along!”

“Harvey Willis was EXCELLENT and had everyone clapping, singing, and dancing!”

8.12.14 – Coliseum Park Nursing Home Hampton Artist: Acclaim! Barbershop Quartet

“I would enjoy having them again – still talking about the performance.”

8.20.14 – Naval Hospital Portsmouth Portsmouth Artist: Emily McKenna/Wax Resistant Painting

“Brought creativity and happiness to our morning! Thank you so very much!”

5.1.14 – Coliseum Park Nursing Home Hampton Program: Mark Twain

“Mr. Clemens had my residents applauding and laughing. He was visual and spoke loud and clear. We enjoyed him.”

5.18.14 – Gardens of VA Beach Virginia Beach Artist: Michas Polish Dancers

“Residents LOVED their performance and costumes; residents want them to come back.”

“Have them come back please.”

5.22.14 – Northampton Convalescent Hampton Program: Richard and Karen/Senior Sing-a-Long

“Everyone was able to participate no matter what cognition level.”

May 2014 Create|Relate at St. Timothy Lutheran Church Artist: Arthur Lopez

“It is the first time I’ve seen my wife smile in six months.”