



Susquehanna Folk Music Society

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Feb. 19, 2007

Dear Svitanya,

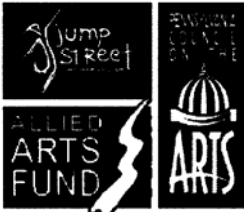
Thank you all for such a lovely song workshop and performance last week. It was wonderful to see so many of our folk dancers learning Bulgarian droning for the first time, not to mention the harmonics! I especially enjoyed the moment in your concert when a group of amateur singers formed as a chorus for you, with both group of singers then serving as a collective chorus for the expanding circle of dancers.

I am also happy we could collaborate vis-à-vis Daniela Ivanova, the folklorist from Sofia, Bulgaria. Having her work with Svitanya ahead of time to coordinate material for you with the song and dance material she presented in her weekend with us represented a rare synthesis of material; I believe the results were readily apparent at your concert, which was the finale to our Pan Slavic Weekend.

Thanks again for outstanding teaching and performing.

Sincerely,

Bart Carpenter



The Susquehanna Folk Music Society presents a full season of events celebrating the traditional arts in Central Pennsylvania with support from our members and grants from the Allied Arts Fund, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (administered locally by Jump Street) and other organizations.



Ukrainian National Women's League of America

Союз Українок Америки

To the members of the Svitanya vocal ensemble:

It has been a few months since your performance at our 4th annual Tea Reception & Fashion Show - "Honoring the Creativity of Ukrainian Women," and guests are still talking about your wonderful performance that day.

Your heartfelt performance of traditional Ukrainian songs performed in 5 part harmony was truly unforgettable and touched us all. You introduced us to many beautiful songs we had never even heard before! Your pronunciation of Ukrainian words was so clear and precise, that many found it hard to believe that your group is comprised of American women from various Eastern European backgrounds.

Thank you for being such positive role models in an ethnically divided world looking for cultural identity. We can appreciate the fact that it is through the arts that we are able to find similarities rather than differences among the women of the world.

*Sincerely,
Christine Chomyn Izak
President
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OFFICE OF MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

May 26, 2005

Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour
1811 Chestnut Street
Suite 301
Philadelphia PA 19103

Dear PennPAT:

I am writing to recommend Svitanya for consideration for grant funding. They performed at the Philadelphia Museum of Art as part of our Wednesday Nights evening program and were extremely well received. Their program was unusual, moving and they connected well with our diverse audience. I look forward to working with them in the future and wish them the best in their goal to engage and educate audiences in the music of Eastern Europe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Moyn".

Sara Moyn
Coordinator, Evening Programs
Philadelphia Museum of Art



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May 29, 2005

Pennsylvania Performing Artists on Tour
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Re: Artists Roster Application for Svitanya

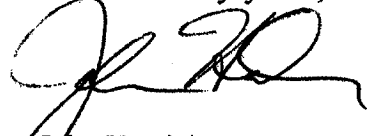
To Whom It May Concern:

I am the Director of Music at the First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia and founder of the church's FIRST Arts Performance Series. It is with great pleasure that I write to you in support of Svitanya's application for inclusion in the PennPAT Artists Roster.

A frequent guest at First Unitarian, Svitanya has performed as part of the FIRST Arts Series with Mariana Sadovska in February 2003, for our Christmas Eve service in 2004, and for a number of Sunday morning worship services. In addition to their impeccable musicianship and stirring renditions of folk music from Eastern Europe, they have always presented themselves in a professional and friendly manner. My only regret is that more people don't know about this wonderful ensemble, and my great hope is that you will be able to help "get the word out."

Please feel free to contact me at 215-563-3980 ext. 315 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Most sincerely yours,



John Herrick
Director of Music

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To Whom It May Concern:


It is my pleasure to recommend Svitanya for your tour program. They are a wonderfully talented group with awe-inspiring music. Svitanya recently performed at our Marshi Gras festival on May 21st. From the beginning they were extremely organized and impressive. The ensemble arrived and their music was pleasing even as we listened to them warming up before the festival.

Their performance was magical. Their costumes are very eye catching. Their musical selections were very appropriate and the stories and explanations that go along with their sweet songs are clever and entertaining. Everyone enjoyed the music, which seems to transport you to a different place and time as the women harmonize. Their performance definitely enhanced the festival and helped to make it the success that it was.

I look forward to having an opportunity to host these talented women in the future and would recommend Svitanya to anyone who is looking for extremely talented singers.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask me, I can be reached at the phone number above.

Sincerely,


Sarah Toman
Events Coordinator