

DRAYTON ENTERTAINMENT

Alex Mustakas • Artistic Director



Drayton Festival Theatre
Drayton



Huron Country Playhouse
Grand Bend



Jacobs Country Playhouse
St. Jacobs



King's Wharf Theatre
Penetanguishene



Playhouse II
Grand Bend



Schoolhouse Theatre
St. Jacobs

March 2, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

Currently, I am the founding Artistic Director and CEO of Drayton Entertainment - a growing Ontario, Canada theatre company which in a short time has established itself as one of the most successful in Canada (www.draytonentertainment.com). We are a six-time recipient of the Lieutenant-Governor's Award for the Arts. We now operate six venues across Ontario (under the Drayton Entertainment umbrella): the Drayton Festival Theatre, Drayton; the Huron Country Playhouse and Playhouse II, Grand Bend; the King's Wharf Theatre, Penetanguishene; the St. Jacobs Country Playhouse and Schoolhouse Theatre, St. Jacobs. At the conclusion of our most recent 2004 summer season, we entertained nearly 190,000 patrons.

I have personally directed over 40 of our theatre's productions since the company's inception, as well as directing dozens of other projects at theatres across the country, including Theatre Aquarius, Hamilton, Ontario, The Piggery Theatre in Quebec, Stage West in Toronto, the Lighthouse Festival Theatre, Port Dover, Ontario, and the Toronto Gilbert and Sullivan Society, amongst others. I hold a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario and a Master's Degree in Arts Administration from City University of London, England and was most recently awarded an honorary Doctorate from Wilfrid Laurier University. I am on an advisory board for Sheridan College, Toronto, and Past President of the Association of Summer Theatres 'Round Ontario.

I am very familiar with the Mantini sisters as I have been a great admirer of their work for over 20 years. I have always been impressed with their abilities. Without a doubt they are one of Canada's most accomplished trios. I have had the pleasure of not only directing them individually and as a trio on numerous occasions, but in earlier years, I was also privileged to perform with them in a number of productions. Their unique individual talents have landed them a number of challenging roles for our theatre company, but their combined talents have always been the highlight for me personally. Audiences and critics rave about their trio performances.

In my opinion, Ann, Barbara, and Sandra Mantini, have a keen understanding of their craft as performers and their skills and abilities have surpassed all expectations. They garner a great deal of respect from everyone they work with and have a most positive attitude toward presenting the finest theatrical/concert experience possible.

Most recently, the Mantini's production of "Moments To Remember" was included in our 2003 and 2004 season, playing in our Drayton Festival Theatre, King's Wharf Theatre, and Huron Country Playhouse venues. Their production was presented for seven weeks in total (8 performances per week) to sell-out crowds. In fact, the 2003 sell-out attendance inspired us to present them again in 2004, to yet-again sell-out crowds. When I say "sell-out," I mean 100% of all available seats. The audiences adored them! The crowd adoration was also quite evident as post-show CD sales were record-breaking for our organization. I must also mention how well they relate to an audience when approached after a performance. I can recommend this extraordinary talented trio to you unequivocally. They are outstanding! If you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me personally.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alex Mustakas
Artistic Director & CEO

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February 22, 2005

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To whom it may Concern:

We take pride in writing a letter of recommendation concerning the Mantini Sisters.

Our association is well known throughout the arts community as being one of the most successful concert organizations in Canada based on the fact that our subscription series has been sold out for 22 years and we have a waiting list of over 600 people waiting to join. We must be doing something right! Our mandate is that we bring artists of the highest calibre and international fame to Welland.

We presented the very talented Mantini Sisters for the first time on Nov. 1, 1998. The audience loved them and gave them a standing ovation. In the year 2000 we took a poll of our members to see what concerts they enjoyed the most covering the years from 1983 to 1999--a total of over 75 outstanding artists. The Mantini Sisters came in third out of that total--high praise indeed for that group. We brought them back on Sept. 30th, 2000 by popular demand and again they received a standing ovation for their performance.

To quote the Hamilton Spectator "The Mantini Sisters are a polished and professional act who sing with beauty, power, humour and theatrical drama." I second the motion and highly recommend this talented trio.

Sincerely

WELLAND-PORT COLBORNE CONCERT ASSOCIATION

Stella Crouch
Artistic Director



Dear Sandra, Barbara & Ann -
"You were a hit here in Consort!"
A perfect opener for our 9th
season of Arts Alive. I'm sure
you knew by our audience's
response how much they
enjoyed your show.

It was a pleasure meeting
and visiting with you as well.
Thank you! Thank you!

Audrey Lang
for Neutral Hills Arts Alive.

All the best in the future!
A.L.

City of Kitchener

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June 16, 1999

Sandra Mantini
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Willowdale, ON M2J 1Z4

Hi Sandra:

When the Mantinis left the "Sunny of the Street", SO DID THE SUN!!! (literally!).

Thanks so much for a fabulous performance.

Our emcee states "I will never wash my hands again after touching the Mantini Sisters"
Our sponsors were delighted
The audience for that event has never been so appreciative!

I have requested the gst cheque for you and it should be in the mail within the next two weeks.

Thanks so much, Sandra. I hope to work with you again in the future.

Sincerely,

Gina Holstead



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Capt'n Kitty Says
 "Let's Have Fun!"

February 9, 1999

Dear Mary,

Just had to tell you the reaction of my group when we went to see the Mantini Sisters in "Moments to Remember". The entire group was ecstatic and overwhelmed with the beautiful voices of the girls; wholesome but not overly sugared in their presentation. They couldn't say enough about these girls. The selection of songs was unbelievable. What talent!!!

My group would attend another concert in a heartbeat (even if it had been that same day!)

So, Mary, we are all impressed and ready for another concert. Bring on the Mantini Sisters!

God Bless,

Kitten Roshong

Kitten Roshong
 Owner, Travel & Cruise World

Doris Carmichael

Larry Olson

Neil Green

Dorothy Schuch

Jo Walker

Shirley Wengert

Myra Brown

Alma Witthoft

Helen Giapetto

Henny -

*Loved them!
 Jo Murchison
 Marge Smith*

*You were great!
 Connie Eubank*

*Doris Lincoln
 Eunice M. Stoddard*

*Jack Skurall
 Joyce M. Nomara*

Rob. G. Gass

Reba Cox

*Marge Ken Bill Hannon
 Bob Ken Ed Lyman
 Gerry Short M. W. Cat*

*Betty Ferrell
 Edith Ferrell*

To Barbara
Ann & Sandra

You were fabulous
and brought back so
many memories for us
The Hames Sisters



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