



Council for the Arts

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October 22, 2023

Terry and Oleg,

On behalf of the Ironton Council for the Arts Board of Directors I want to thank you for a marvelous performance on Sunday, October 8 at Ohio University Southern! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and I've not seen our concert patrons so actively engaged with one of our performances in a long time. The great technical virtuosity and musicianship you two demonstrated was outstanding. I thought it was great that you combined such masterful performing with the ability to connect your repertoire with its cultural and musical context and communicate that so effectively to our audience. That and Oleg's "down home" and entertaining demeanor, in my view, is what made your performance so special!

And I thought your Monday, October 9 outreach performances for the elementary and high school students at St. Lawrence Elementary were equally "lights out!" It was clear to me that the students really enjoyed playing the various instruments you provided them with when you performed and doing so was a great way to engage them.

The principal, Mr. Chris Monte, and several teachers with whom I spoke were likewise very impressed and were enthusiastic at the prospect of your returning for an extended artist-in-residence program.

Thanks again for coming to Ironton and enriching the lives of both our community members and students whom you touched with your wonderful music. Again, I look forward to working with you and the Ohio Arts Council to organize a return visit to Ironton to work with and inspire the students and faculty at St. Lawrence Elementary School.

I wish you both the very best and I'll keep in touch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat McCoy".

Dr Pat McCoy

President and Communications Director
Ironton Council for the Arts