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To Whom It May Concern,

It has been both a privilege and pleasure to have the opportunity to work with Chris and Gina Allison from Cirque Du Jour for the past few years.

This is my fourth year working on the Arts In Education Committee for our school. Three years ago, our Committee wanted to bring in something different to the kids. The CDJ brochures peaked our interest and fit the bill. Needless to say, their interaction with our kids and the performances that they worked on so hard with our 5th graders won the hearts of everyone. This June marked their third annual tour at Vanderbilt Elementary. It is with great anticipation that our school (kids and staff) welcomes Bucky and his sidekick for a week of fun. We have already booked next year as we have promised the up and coming 5th graders that we will have Cirque Du Jour back so that they can do the stilts and the Chinese Yo-Yo's too!

I must add that I have been approached by other circus programs and have instantly turned them away without hesitation. From booking the program to the contract/invoice all the way through to the final performance, it is always a pleasant and easy experience with Cirque Du Jour. They are professional while still having fun. They clearly love what they do and it shows. They are very passionate about their work and it comes through loud and clear to those that matter most, the children. We love having them at our school and look forward many more years with them in the future!

Sincerely, Michele Garaffa AIE Co
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