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Stephanie Bettman
Luke Halpin
Bettman and Halpin

Dear Stephanie and Luke:

I am writing in enthusiastic support of and with tremendous praise for your work as performers at the Lone Tree Arts Center over the past three years. As a presenter, my first challenge is to find artists whose work is of the highest quality, offers something new and creative to our audiences, and (of course) sells tickets. Each time we have had Bettman and Halpin perform for us, you have delivered on all counts. Your easy stage presence immediately engages our audiences, and your expert musicianship takes them on a wonderful journey through pure, beautiful and heartfelt Americana music. You are storytellers, especially in your carefully-wrought and gorgeous songs. Watching you move effortlessly from upbeat and witty songs to delicate and touching ballads, our audiences have been spellbound by your work.

I value your artistry highly, and know that each time you play, our audiences will feel as if they have been transported through an intimate and expertly crafted and played concert. It's also tremendously helpful to me as a presenter that you are both so very easy and flexible to work with. We have encountered a couple of last minute issues, like moving your outdoor concert inside even after a sound check, and in every instance you have both been accommodating, gracious and committed to doing whatever was necessary to make the concert the best that it could be, no matter the circumstances. You approach your performances in a collaborative way with us, and that makes the experience that much more enjoyable for us as presenters, and, I hope, for you as performers.

We are always looking for ways to bring you back to Lone Tree. As you tour more widely, please feel free to use me or Paul Ackerman as references – we would be happy to share with other presenters how lucky we have been to partner with you. Just leave a few dates for us!

Regards,

Lisa Rigsby Peterson
Executive Director
Lone Tree Arts Center



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