

# SANTA ROSA HIGH SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the Vision Series event that my students and I participated in last month on February 19<sup>th</sup>. This is the second time that the ArtQuest Dance Company from Santa Rosa High School has been involved in the performances at the Cowell Theatre. We have also performed in a smaller event at the Zeum Theatre and have participated in "Dance Days" organized by Dance Repertory.

During the day on February 19<sup>th</sup> my students took a master class at Lowell High School from Annie Rosenthal Parr. My students, who are fairly advanced dancers and have a lot of experience with different kinds of teachers, absolutely loved the class. Ms. Parr was a wonderful and creative teacher and several of my students want to take from her again. At the lunch break when everyone was eating together our buddies from the Spinning Yarn Co. came and ate lunch with us and even brought us brownies. The students were so impressed with the adult dancers warmth and generosity it really made the experience even more special.


Later, at the Cowell Theatre the students had a chance to watch all the other groups performing during the dress rehearsal. It was interesting and informative to see what other kinds of high school, college and emerging modern companies were performing. After the dress rehearsal the buddies gave each other awards. Our buddies, The Spinning Yarn Co. had really paid attention to our piece and gave us really good comments. That night, after the show, Susan, from the group, said Spinning Yarn wanted to know when our show was so they might be able to see our work again. It was very gratifying for the dancers.

Just recently the photos from the performance were posted on the photographer's web site. The dancers were thrilled to see how professional their work looked and will probably use some of those photos for their portfolios.

Donnette Heath and her staff were a pleasure to work with at all times. They were organized, cheerful and professional. I am amazed that such a huge event went so smoothly.

There seems to be so little room for the arts in our culture these days, which is a shame because we need the arts now more than ever. My students had the opportunity to feel valued for their creative work and that means so very much. Therefore, I look forward to working with Dance Repertory again. The experience was invaluable for my students and me.

Sincerely,

  
Elizabeth Evans, Artistic Director  
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