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Sue Bernstein Bernstein Artists, Inc. 282 Flatbush Avenue, Suite 101 Brooklyn, NY 11217

Dear Sue,

We have been pleased to present the Sirius Quartet on numerous occasions over the past few years, most recently at Merkin Concert Hall and The Cell Theater in NYC. On both occasions they have simply dazzled the audience with original works. This is a quartet that has the ability not only to offer first-class interpretations of important works, but also to improvise on a level that puts them far above most other quartets.

The Sirius is a virtuoso quartet of composers! And, this is what gives them their unique and inspired approach to music.

Their most recent concert with us at The Cell Theater in NYC featured new works from the quartet members, and a premiere of the winning work from our national 2013 Young Composer Competition. The performance was thrilling and had the audience jumping to their feet for a standing ovation.

What is also impressive is their onstage presence and relationship with the audience. In a world where there is such a wall between performers and audience, the Sirius successfully "humanizes" their presence, making the audience feel at ease and connected. This is so important because it draws in our patrons, making them feel more a part of our organization—good for audience development and fund raising.

Because the Sirius Quartet performs at such a high level with original works and connects so well with an audience, I'm happy to recommend them to anyone most highly.

Sincerely,

Preston Stahly Artistic and Executive Director