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March 10, 1992

Ms. Ruth Pelham
Music Mobile, Inc.
P.O. Box 6024
Albany, New York 12206

Dear Ruth:

I'd like to extend a most sincere thanks to you for visiting our school on Wednesday, March 4.

Your songs enchanted and provoked us with their memorable lyrics and melodies. I find myself still humming your tunes and will be forever touched by the words of both you and the students with whom you worked.

Your rapport with the children was so warm, honest, and far-reaching. Your message of caring about the planet is one that can never be exhausted. Most importantly, you help empower children, guiding them to believe in themselves and how they can truly impact our world.

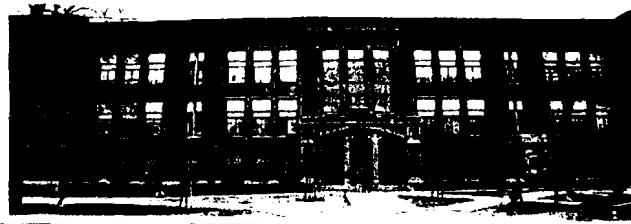
Once again, it was wonderful spending time with you! I know this was not our last connection. I'd be delighted to help write a songwriting grant. I'll be in touch. Thanks again.

Warmly,

Becca Brooks

Public School No. 19

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C I T Y S C H O O L D I S T R I C T O F A L B A N Y

April 14, 1998

Ruth Pelham

Music Mobile, Inc.
P.O. Box 6024
Albany, NY 12206

Dear Ruth,

Thank you for providing School 19 with two of the most exuberant assemblies we've seen in a long time. I was sure that some students would be slow to warm-up to a sing-along, but you had 250 children instantly moving, hand clapping and singing with enthusiasm. We were all under your spell. Your messages of diversity and respect for each other, as well as for ourselves, were beautifully gentle and appropriate.

Thank you for enhancing our Arts-in-Education programming. I will certainly pass your name and materials on to my successor as well as the idea of in-class workshops. 'Wishing you continued success with the Music Mobile.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Strum". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Beth Strum
PTA Arts-in-Education Co-chair



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Jane Poklemba
Principal

June 1999

To Whom It May Concern:

Today our primary grade students were treated to the wonders of the **Music Mobile** - and what a treat! Ruth Pelham, Music Mobile's artistic creator, captured the interest and enthusiasm of 200 Pre - K. kindergarten, grade 1 & 2 students and maintained it with ease for over an hour. Within minutes of introducing our special guest, the children were singing, clapping and laughing along to the wonderful sounds of Ms. Pelham's music. I'm sure the students and staff would agree with me that the time went by far too quickly.

I have known of Ms. Pelham and the Music Mobile for many years - I was first introduced to her music at the New York State Museum where my daughter and I happened upon her and an impromptu concert some 16 years ago. Shortly thereafter, I had an opportunity to bring the Music Mobile to the Martin Luther King Magnet School where I served as assistant principal. There Ms. Pelham did a full day program working in different classrooms, helping children make musical instruments and discover the magic of music. When I was given the chance to host her at Hamilton School, I did not hesitate for a moment. I knew the children would be captivated - and they were.

In July, I will begin as principal of Zoller School in Schenectady. I hope I will have the opportunity to bring the Music Mobile to those children as well. Undoubtedly, Ms Pelham will energize and entertain as she teaches her young audience to celebrate music. The Music Mobile is an outstanding educational resource for children in the Capital District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs. J. Poklemba', written in a cursive style.

Mrs. J. Poklemba
Principal

**Marti Buente
Carson Montessori
1499 Hollywood Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45224**

December 4, 1993

Ruth Pelham
Music Mobile
P.O. Box 6024
Albany, NY 12206

Dear Ruth,

Thank you once again for performing at Carson Montessori. Children and adults could be heard singing your songs all day Friday. My class sang and danced to your tape all afternoon!

We tried to remember the words to all of the songs that you sang to us. They were amazing and the children remembered so much of them. Their true favorite seems to be "Four Hands Working at the Table." The refrain was all that we could recall. Would you be able to send us the rest of the words? We would love that!

I collected money for the tapes that you gave me. One of my students had his mother come to school to buy a tape. Patti hasn't come to school much this year. It was wonderful to see that it was to buy your tape for her son that brought her in the door.

I am going to share your songs with children's International Summer Villages Organization. I directed a camp for 11 year olds this past summer in Michigan City. Children and adults from Israel, Germany, Portugal, USA, Jordan, Luxembourg, Korea, Japan, Netherlands, Senegal, France, Italy and England attend the 4 week long camp.

Thank you for opening doors to all of us!

Marti Buente

Marti Buente

I heard these words from one of my children as she left for the bus: Goodbye Ruth! I love you!



Ruth Pelham
Music Mobile
P.O. Box 6024
Albany, NY 12206

3-9-04

Dear Ruth,

Thank you very much for coming to our school to sing and tell stories. The children, teachers and parents all enjoyed your performance. You were able to appeal to a wide audience, and I was especially impressed by your ability to engage our middle school students in such a meaningful way. The story of your experience with the Havasupai people and the students living there was very interesting.

I hope that you will be able to come to our school again very soon.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Kambrich

**GLEN-WORDEN PTA
GLEN-WORDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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November 28, 2001

Ms. Ruth Pelham
Music Mobile
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Albany NY 12206

Re: Programs at Glen-Worden School

Dear Ruth:

I want to thank you for coming to Glen-Worden School and sharing your songs and your singing with the students. I know that the students enjoyed learning the songs and participating in the programs with you. After the performance, many teachers made favorable comments to me about the performances; they were pleased with the quality and content and were also impressed at how you got the students involved.

The themes of kindness and caring for our world and understanding all people "under one sky" were especially poignant in view of recent world events.

I was happy that our PTA could sponsor such a wonderful program. Thank you again for coming, and I look forward to seeing you again in the future.

Very truly yours,



Mary C. Militano
PTA Program Chairperson

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April 4, 2005

Ruth Pelham
Music Mobile, Inc.
P.O. Box 6024
Albany, NY 12206

Dear Ruth,

The kids had a blast at your concert last week. Came back singing and happy!
And, the teachers were happy with us too, for organizing the event. Many thanks for
your effort, music and good spirit. We hope to do it again.

Fondly,



Fran Owen
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Guidance Counselor

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PRINCIPAL
BRIAN J. AYLWARD

January 3, 1995

Ruth Pelham
P.O. Box 6024
Albany, N.Y. 12206

Dear Ruth,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I want to thank you for an outstanding performance. You certainly have a magical way about you when it comes to motivating children. Your selection of songs and the style in which you present them is most noteworthy.

Our students (K-5) really enjoyed hearing you sing as well as singing along with you. I and many other adults really enjoyed your selection of folk songs. You are truly a great entertainer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian J. Aylward'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'B' and 'A'.

Brian J. Aylward
Principal

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May 25, 1990

Ms. Ruth Pelham
Director
Music Mobile, Inc.
PO Box 6024
Albany, NY 12206

Dear Ruth:

I want to let you know how much our students (K-8), faculty, and community members enjoyed the "Under One Sky" Sing-Along assembly in early May. You developed an excellent rapport with the diverse audience which ranged from kindergartners through grandparents. You kept the children's attention and involved them in audience participation. Your topics which ranged from problems with litter to the problems the Havasupai Indians are having with uranium miners were certainly relevant and current.

We thoroughly enjoyed having you with us for that one short hour. You certainly have a very positive and unique approach to teaching and entertaining. We hope that we will be able to have you back in the future for a short residency.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara H. Tompkins
Barbara H. Tompkins
Programs Coordinator

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May 15, 1998

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Dear Ruth,

Thank you very much for your two shows for our children on April 2.

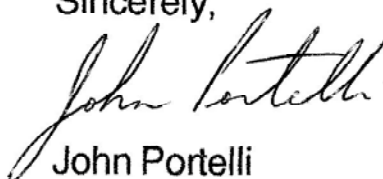
Everything I've heard from teachers, staff and students has been very favorable to you. Your ability to involve the children in your performance is proven, and the shows were educational as well.

I'm sorry I didn't write sooner but school business has been especially hectic with the approach of the school budget vote on May 19. However, the delay did allow me to gather more comments from among those who watched your show.

Jaimie Miller will be the TOAST PTA President for the 1998-1999 school year. She will contact you about doing this again next April, or you may contact her directly.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,



John Portelli

TOAST PTA President