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GOVERNOR
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Mary Hager, President Painted Sky 20493 SW Avery Court Tualatin, Oregon 97062

Dear Mary:

I am so sorry to miss the premiere of *An Evening With Painted Sky* on September 11 at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. This is a great tribute to Native American musical artists and a tremendous treat for "Portlandites". Only an overburdened schedule and an inopportune case of laryngitis prevents my participation in this landmark event.

This breakthrough night has been a long time coming but will create a demand for more mystical evenings with Painted Sky I am sure.

Congratulations to all who worked toward this tremendous accomplishment for so long. Though not in The Newmark Theatre, I will be cheering in the wings in spirit at the performances of Ulali and Burning Sky.

Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.

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