

Subj: **June Workshop**  
Date: 7/10/2006 1:06:56 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: bell@comcast.net  
To: [PETERSKLAR@aol.com](mailto:PETERSKLAR@aol.com)

Hello Peter. Thank you for inviting Andrea to your workshop. She came home very excited about everything, along with a new appreciation for her mom and dad, her own bed, and the life she lives in California. She also came home with a new confidence about her career choice and is beginning to see the many ways she can get herself to New York, other than obtaining a scholarship to NYU. (She will be applying in 2007.) Best of all, she is making efforts to change her eating habits. Flax seed, which she tried before the workshop, was on the menu this morning along with Organic Amaranth Flakes and soy milk. Thank you for exposing her to a good diet. We eat lots of vegies, fruit, and chicken, but we have never eaten an organic diet. I appologize for taking so long to write. We went on a family vacation after Andrea arrived home from New York and she has been busy preparing an audition for the Best of Broadway here in Sacramento. She also started class at Sierra College for academic enrichment, continues teaching and taking classes at Broadway Academy, and has done some volunteer work as well. She wants me to tell you that a personal e-mail will come from her soon. We received your letter are interested in doing a mini-workshop; however, I need to discuss our schedule and finances with my husband before we can commit. Thanks again Peter. Karen Bellato.

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Mr. Peter Sklar  
16 Second Avenue  
Pelham, New York 10803

Dear Mr. Sklar:

We are very pleased with the experience that Jennifer had at your workshop this summer. She found this very beneficial for her own personal growth, and I hope this will be a stepping stone for future friendships. She feels like she learned a lot in terms of her own personal development, and we appreciate her opportunity to be with you. Jennifer would very much like to return for another workshop, and I would be supportive of that.

Once again, thank you very much for working with Jennifer, and we hope that we can be involved in the workshop at a later date as well.

Sincerely,

*Barbara J. Golden (Perone)*

Barbara J. Golden, M.D.

BJG:sev



Dear Peter,

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you for Jennifer's wonderful experience at your December "Beginnings" Workshop.

I understand a number of parents were "concerned" about your strict attitude and "all your rules and regulations." I found it comforting to know Jennifer was in such a protected environment.

She thoroughly enjoyed her experience and is looking forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Bonita Powers

Subj: **given 6 months to live**  
 Date: 3/1/2005 4:56:47 PM Eastern Standard Time  
 From: cb .com  
 To: PeterSklar@aol.com

Peter

I did not tell any one, because as you know I tend to like to be private. On August 19<sup>th</sup> I was given 6 months to live – well it has been 6 months and they are dumbfounded. My doctor is not quite sure why the turn around has occurred, but I kept a journal of my daily activities and all he can determine is it is a miracle. I have undergone 2 weeks of testing, but the results are all the same "NO CANCER".

I have been on a regime of the following:

- Mitake Mushroom supplements
- Pro-Biotics and other vitamins
- Eating at least 5 vegetables a day
- 45 minutes day exercise
- and reading my daily devotional

My friends and church have been my rock.

I just wanted to take the time to thank you for your encouragement and input on the whole holistic approach. I have no doubt that this and my faith have brought this turn of events in my life.

*Carol Brace*

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Tuesday, March 01, 2005 America Online: PETERSKLAR

Subj: **Kurtis's experience at June Beginnings**  
Date: 6/21/2007 3:09:37 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: zac@com  
To: petersklar@aol.com

Dear Peter,

I wanted to let you know how much fun Kurtis had at the recent Beginnings Workshop. As you know, I was pretty stressed about letting him go. I'm a homeschooler – my kids don't leave to go to school for the day. The idea of sending my child away for eight nights was completely foreign to me. But he really wanted to go, and I knew that it was time to loosen my iron-clad apron strings.

And I'm very glad I did. I see a level of confidence in Kurtis that wasn't there before the workshop. And, as I have already stated, he had a fantastic time. He hasn't stopped talking about the things that he learned, the VIPs that he met, and the friends that he made. (He has also raved non-stop about the black bean stew that was served at one of the meals.)

Everything about the workshop, from both my perspective as well as Kurtis's, far exceeded my expectations, and that is saying a lot as I have very high standards and my expectations were high to begin with. The next time you have an overly paranoid parent like me, I hope you will give them my phone number.

Sincerely,

Karen Burton

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August 6, 1999

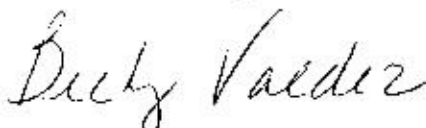
Peter Sklar  
16 Second Ave.  
Pelham, New York  
10803

Dear Peter Sklar,

My Mia is safely returned to me and I think that you must know how delighted I feel. She has come home with a brighter outlook about everything and inspired to new heights. I will be very busy trying to keep up. We have become frequenters of our local health food store and are in the process of digesting her new diet; actually and theoretically. She has taken over the kitchen and after some adjustment, we should all get healthier. I have had tofu, veggie soup and today will try spelt bread and soy milk. She looks great and seems very happy. Now if I could just understand this knowledge of cigars that she has!

In all seriousness Peter, I can readily see the benefits of her spending her summer with you. I notice her consciously working on her speech. She has more confidence if that is possible. I see her thinking about things in broader terms than her own world and needs. Her understanding and empathy for others has greatly improved. She was a gem when she came to you but now her shine is much brighter. I truly appreciate the time and devotion that you gave her. She will carry a bit of you along with her for life.

Yours truly,



Becky Valdez

Subj: **Home Again**  
Date: 4/18/2006 12:16:42 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: [JCU](#)  
To: [PETERSKLAR](#)

Hi Peter,

We picked Shayla up at the airport yesterday and from what we can tell she had a great 😊 time. She loved the trip to London and enjoyed her group experience. She felt like she had only been gone a day. It seems like your trip was packed with interesting opportunities. It is great to have her home but we are thankful for the opportunity and experience you provided for her and the other students.

Hope you enjoyed it also,  
Carmen Schuett

Dear Mr. Sklar,

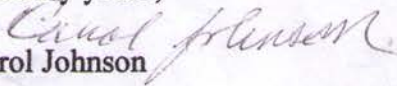
May 12, 2006

I am sending something that I would like to share with you and also hope will meet your approval. Enclosed you will find an article from our local paper about a coalition of Iowa farms that market organic meat products. I was very excited to see this as our son Matt insists that we eat according to your recommendations. That has been challenging as we genuinely enjoy meat. Matt has explained your position on red meat, specifically beef to us. He says you object to the hormones and antibiotics given to animals and the current practice of raising animals in feed lots. I think that this group addresses many of the issues that you have with beef and other meat products. (I realize also that it is healthier to include a wider variety of protein such as tofu in our diet and to not rely entirely upon animal sources.) I haven't yet had a chance to try their product as this article just came out yesterday but I thought you might like to know that organic does indeed exist here.

Matt greatly enjoyed attending the June workshop last year, so much so that he will be back this June. We decided to send him again for a variety of reasons. The workshop definitely influenced Matt in many positive ways. Matthew is much more focused, his grades are better, straight A's. He was invited and joined the National Honor Society. He was invited and became a speaker for CCDC, an organization that promotes healthy choices, no drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and premarital sex. Matt is more vocal, not afraid to speak out to either help organize a group or throw out a funny comment. He has co-directed a play as well as having added his comments to the choreography and getting into character, in plays that he has been in at school (although he wasn't officially directing). He worked very hard on his presentation as part of the speech team and was able to go to state competition.

Thank-you for 'listening' to me. We appreciate all you do for the children and for the opportunity that you have opened up to Matt.

Sincerely yours,

  
Carol Johnson



September 6, 2001

Dear Mr. Sklar,

Thank you, so much for the experience you provided our son. When he arrived home it was 12:45 A.M. and we were all exhausted, but I did not get to sleep until almost 4 in the morning. Reason being - **our child's self-esteem was heightened beyond anything I could have ever imagined.** I stayed up listening to how much fun he had with Peter. It was Peter this and Peter that and what most impressed him was Peter's understanding of boys. To be honest this impressed me too.

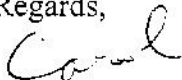
He talked non-stop about his teachers and everything he learned. He also discussed the food, but not how I would have expected. It was positive. This shocked me, because although he is not a fast food fan -- he does love his red meat. He stated, that everything he ate was good and that much to his surprise filling. We now as a family are expected by our child to have a healthy meal at least 3 times a week and to be honest it has made a difference in our energy levels.

As far as the course work he went on and on about the encouragement that he received by all his teachers. He was praised for the littlest things and his directions were all given with explanation and clarity. He was given room for self-expression and the growth experience was truly evident.

I know I had doubts about this trip and ability of my son to abide by all the rules in your handouts, but if any other parent reads this I want to put your minds to ease. My 15 year old had no problems and as a matter of fact he enjoyed the fact that the rules were all spelled out. He stated, that it made his stay easier, because he knew where he stood and what was expected of him.

I simply cannot express my gratitude to you and your staff enough and if any parent would like to call me and verify my letter or simply just talk feel free to call me.

Regards,



Carol Brace

Philo, OH 43771  
30 Jan 2000

Peter Sklar  
16 Second Ave  
Pelham, NY 10803

Dear Peter:

In sorting through my son Bill's college information I found the old Agreement and was reminded that I had not yet written to you.

Every thing you said about the Beginnings Workshop experience was absolutely true. When I saw Bill during the showcase, and finally talked to him afterwards, I was amazed at the change. He was more mature, more poised, more self-confident. The change is still apparent five months later. Bill is much more focused on his career goals since the workshop and more willing to work toward them. You promised a positive change in anyone who attended the workshop, and you definitely kept that promise.

Needless to say, Bill totally loved his experience. He hated to come home.

Bill's coming to the workshop was a big help to me, too. I'm completely convinced that studying theater at college is the best thing for him. I know now that he'll thrive in that environment & I can give him my whole-hearted support.

I will gladly endorse the Beginnings workshop in any way I can. It was a completely positive experience for Bill, and I believe it has made a lasting difference in his life.

Sincerely,

Christina Tuttle

Subj: (no subject)  
Date: 7/14/2006 5:02:18 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: at [redacted]@bellsouth.net  
To: [PETERSKLAR@aol.com](mailto:PETERSKLAR@aol.com)

Peter,

Just wanted to let you know how much Olivia enjoyed the workshop. She was exhausted, but she was talking non stop about all of her classes. She very much enjoyed her classes and all the kids she met. In fact her and another girl email back and forth about every day. She says this is definitely what she wants to do for a career. She wants to start auditioning for different things. The workshop helped boost her confidence. She said even though she did not like some of the food, she definitely wanted to go back next summer. She wanted to know if she would qualify to be a work scholarship assistant next summer.

She would like to come to the mini-workshop Sept. 2-September 4 (Labor Day Weekend) if you have any openings.

Chris and I also wanted to know what your thoughts are about Olivia. Is acting something she should pursue? Since this is something we know nothing about we are at lost about what to do next. How do we go about finding an agent? Etc.

We would like to thank you for giving Olivia the opportunity to attend these workshops and for your time in planning them. Thank you for everything.

Also on another note, the agreement pack that was almost 100 pages, just wanted you to know I appreciated and it was a comfort to know she was going to be very safe. Thank you for that.

Sincerely,  
Chris and Angie DeLong

Mr Peter Sklar  
Beginnings  
16 Second Ave  
Pelham, NY 10803

Dear Peter:

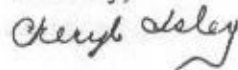
As the parent of a two-time Beginnings participant, I would like to take this opportunity to wholeheartedly endorse the program. My daughter Stefanie is hoping to major in theater in college and the Beginnings workshops have certainly given her a good foundation. The variety of courses and high caliber of instructors has introduced her to all facets of performing.

Not only has Stefanie benefitted professionally from Beginnings but socially she has maintained several friendships with other students in her cabins. When asked about her experiences at Beginnings, Stefanie will always say, "It's so much fun I'd go even if I wasn't learning anything."

We're planning now for Stefanie's third session - June                      She is eagerly looking forward to attending.

If I can be of any help to future participants, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Isley

Illinois

Peter,

Hope things are well preparing for your busy summer. Sorry this letter has been so delayed. It seems as though after London returned from England, our lives have been so hectic. Mark and I would like to say thank you, thank you, thank you, for the wonderful experience you provided our "London" in London. At the age of 3yrs., London pressed her Dad and me on the exact age that we would take her to the city that was named after her! At the time, I must have picked a number out of the air and told her age 13yrs. Since her birthday is February 29<sup>th</sup>, 1992, we only missed the date by 6 weeks or so. At the time of course, we thought we would be the ones to accompany her on that wonderful trip to such a historical and inspiring city. But I guess a trip to "Jolly Ole England" with P-dawg was the next best thing. From London's perspective most assuredly "a better thing". She is quite the independent adventurous soul. Not only did she rant and rave about the tours, shopping, Westminster Abbey, etc. she fell in love with the city itself (we really expected nothing less). She has embraced every state, country, culture she has been exposed to to date. She made great friends and developed in many ways her Dad and I hoped she would. As parents of an only child, you often wonder how mature or immature your child "really" is. When we are around 24/7 there isn't much opportunity for those attributes to manifest themselves. I did get word from parents of other roommates that she "supposedly" was responsible and mature. Of course you and I know that is all relative. Since she returned home with everything she took (minus an umbrella sleeve) maybe all those years of direction didn't fall on deaf ears. We look forward to her continued training in August. She is already very excited about the possibilities of instruction and direction.

By far the most exciting aspect of the tour itself and London's development was her exposure to "The Royal Shakespeare Company" and the sessions with their personnel. Shakespeare is probably one of the few areas that London hasn't been involved with in the theatrical field over the years through seminars, classes, etc. We truthfully didn't know how she would respond. Our questions were answered almost immediately upon her arrival to Philadelphia International. She is hooked. I don't know why we were so surprised, her first theatrical performance at age 5yrs. she played "Tiny Tim" guess she was bound to be drawn to the "company" which I suppose introduced the gender/role swap. She couldn't stop talking about the production and the whole experience. To her it even opened up the possibility that she might like to study in England after high school. Again we could go on and on, but you don't have time. You have many things to take care of mini-workshops, summer sessions, casting for your workshops for "The Kid Who Played the Palace". I don't need to remind you I know!.

We are trying our best to clear a date for your mini-workshop July 22-24<sup>th</sup>. We know you can't confirm until you have payment. That date seems to be our only "window of opportunity" as London is having some extensive dental work and oral surgery performed the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the summer. She really would like to participate on a more individual level, so if we can clear the date I'll call to see if you're not filled up and overnight the payment. We will follow up with her final payment for the August session prior to July 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Thanks again for your support.*

*Mark, Tanya & London Clark*

Subj: **August workshop**  
Date: 9/1/2006 2:03:22 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: Mary.Ci.  
To: petersklar@aol.com

Dear Peter

After the showcase on Monday night, we had dinner with our daughter Fiona, in the Village. She talked non-stop and seemed very proud of herself for persevering through the workshop. She enjoyed her classes, was pleased with her monologue performance and was filled with realistic plans about theater.

Thank you for taking time to talk with her personally, especially regarding medication use. Her intense heart makes it difficult to navigate life sometimes.....but she's fortunate, because that same heart finds it easy to pour out on a stage.

We hope to keep in touch.

Sincerely

Mary Criddle

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September 2, 2004

Mr. Peter Sklar  
68-A Croton Dam Road  
Ossining, NY 10562

RE: Christopher White  
London Workshop 2005

Dear Mr. Sklar:

Enclosed please find a completed application and deposit for the next London Workshop.

We received this while Christopher was attending the August workshop. As that was his second workshop, we wanted to wait to see if this would be of interest to him. There was absolutely no question! He thoroughly enjoyed the workshop once again and the trip to London intrigued him even more.

We will wait to hear from you as to whether or not the workshop was filled prior to this application being submitted. Thank you for inviting Christopher and for the experience and exposure he has been receiving through your workshops.

Sincerely,

*Cindy*

Cindy White

Enclosures

Dear Peter,

Please let this letter serve as both a heartfelt thank you and a recommendation to prospective applicants to Beginnings. It was with a great deal of apprehension that we sent our daughter Beth to the workshop in New Jersey. It seemed like a lot of money, the rules and requirements were overwhelming, and the thought of not speaking to her for nine days was very scary. And while all those things were true, so were you to your word. Everything that you promised about Beginnings was right on the mark and Beth returned to us very happy, very excited, and full of stories about new friends, great classroom experiences, and an overall feeling of accomplishment. So, I have to say in all honesty, that Beginnings was worth every penny that we spent, that the rules and requirements served only to enhance the workshop, and the happy letters we received from Beth made the time pass quickly.

I hope that Beth will continue to benefit from this experience and other workshops in the future. Please feel free to use us as a reference in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping tail.

Carol Williams



Subj: **Re: caleb**  
Date: 8/19/2004 5:54:08 PM Eastern Standard Time  
From: @msn.com  
To: PETERSKLAR@aol.com

Hello Mr. Sklar:

I just wanted to say **thank you** for the advice. We did go to a health store and get the Vitamin C that you had told us to get. He is feeling great and ready for the workshop! I can't thank you enough for your "health tips two weeks before the workshop" and your help with the ester-C. Our entire family has benefited from this information. It has brought a whole new awareness to all of us.

Sincerely,

Ginger Strain

Caleb Woodley's mom

>From: PETERSKLAR@aol.com  
>To: @msn.com  
>Subject: Re: caleb  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 10:44:34 EDT

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>I would increase his vitamin C by about 25% each dose for a couple of days,  
>then another 25%- three doses daily or until bowel tolerance. (If he gets  
>crampy or loose stools, cut back to lower dose.)

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>Make sure the Vitamin C is ester-C (buffered for best absorption and minimal  
>stomach stress), and that it contains nearly 25% of the amount of the C in  
>bioflvonoids, for better body cell receptivity. (Ex: 500 mg Vit.C should have at  
>least 100 mg bioflavonoids.)

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>Get a good health food brand- not some inexpensive drug store stuff.

>  
>The above considerations make all the difference in the world in  
>effectiveness. Otherwise, save your money.

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>Thanks for the notice. -P

May 13, 2003

Dear Peter,

We are thrilled that Keri has received another invitation to attend one of your mini-workshops.

The time Keri spent with you, your staff and the other girls at your Easter workshop made a definite impression on her. Keri has been working hard to improve her diet (she takes a spinach salad almost daily to school for her lunch) and also her behavior/self discipline.

Keri would like to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> mini-workshop date of June 21-29.

I am enclosing a Cashiers Check in the amount of \$370.00. We are in the process of making travel arrangements and will be in touch with you as soon as possible regarding those.

Thank you,  
Denise, Todd and Keri Chavers

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Subj: **DVD**  
Date: 6/6/2006 3:29:58 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: [dlyons@calcenter.com](mailto:dlyons@calcenter.com)  
To: [PETERSKLAR@aol.com](mailto:PETERSKLAR@aol.com)

Peter,

We received our Dvd yesterday .Nicole and I enjoyed watching it.It was worth the wait.It brought back alot of great memories for her.  
Thanks again for the opportunity you extended to her.

Deb and Nicole Lyons

Dorota Grochala

St. Petersburg, FL 33713

14 March 2003

Dear Peter,

Time goes by so quickly! It seems like just yesterday that I was getting Paulina ready to go to New York the first time, and now I am ready to release her again...

First of all, I want to thank you so much for having her in your house in February. She told me as soon as she got back that your house was like home for her. She enjoyed the company of the other children and the atmosphere of your home. She returned very happy, renewed, radiant, in wonderful shape, and very excited. I noticed more vitality in her, and her improved self image. She was very enthusiastic, and had a burning desire of what she wants to do, and a healthy outlook on the outside world. She was very encouraged by you. Even a couple of weeks after returning, she still talks about you every day! She tells me that the food was delicious, and she is motivated to eat healthy.

Thank you for taking the time to give her your guidance and honest opinions of areas that need improvement. She has taken your advice to heart and it is bringing out the best in her. She has a more relaxed, yet more focused attitude towards her dreams.

The lecture you gave us in January was very interesting. It made quite an impression on me, and captured Paulina's interest. Many things you covered reinforce what I have tried to teach her myself, and am happy to have her hear these things explained so clearly by someone else. I appreciated your clarity, honesty, and practical advice about children's show business.

I really enjoyed reading the letters that you provided, and found them very reassuring. I saw in them your love for children and your genuine concern for their well-being and success. Your influence as an adult who shows acceptance of the children helps them to grow up able to accept themselves, so they can succeed in life. I am glad Paulina has the benefit of this positive influence through her participation in your mini-workshops. She felt cared for and cherished while with you. Thank you for making my adventure of parenting easier!

Thank you for putting your creativity, time, and energy into making these workshops happen.

Sincerely,

DOROTA GROCHALA

# BROWNE-MCHARDY CLINIC

A SUMMIT HEALTH GROUP PRACTICE

October 26, 1999

Mr. Peter Sklar  
16 Second Avenue  
Pelham, New York 10803

Dear Mr. Sklar,

The other day, my wife and I were discussing our daughter, Heather, having landed one of eight coveted female principal parts in Jesuit High School's upcoming production of GODSPELL. This is quite an accomplishment for a junior at an all-girls high school. Jesuit High School is an all-boys high school, and has a long-standing reputation for producing professional quality performances of both musical and dramatic plays. A part in any Jesuit production is highly regarded.

Another first for Heather was her participation in your program, "BEGINNINGS", this past summer. She has often mentioned her experience at "BEGINNINGS" as having a positive influence on her acting and on her ability to adapt to perform on stage, as well as to work closely and constructively with those around her to achieve a common goal - a performance that will have a positive influence on not only the players, but on the audience as well.

Thank you for having offered her an opportunity to participate in your program, which provided an environment for her to become completely immersed in your style of training young actors. It was an experience that will leave a lasting impression, and it will be invaluable to her for years to come.

Sincerely,



David W. Hoerner, M.D.  
Browne-McHardy Clinic

DWH/ajf

Dear Peter,

Thank you for offering Victoria an opportunity to attend a mini-workshop. This time is the only one she can attend until New Years and she just really doesn't want to wait that long. I hope there is still space available July 19-25.

She totally enjoyed her June workshop. It has improved her confidence level and improved her self image.

Thank you for all you do for our next generation of "Stars."

Deane Kwoell

January 15, 2003

Peter Sklar  
153 Webster Avenue  
Harrison, NY 10528

Dear Peter,

Kimberly and I are residents of Lincoln, Nebraska and have a daughter, named Makenzie, who started attending Peter's workshops and classes when she was fourteen years of age in 2002. She has made five trips to New York with varying degrees of length; all of which have been superb.

First, Peter runs a tight ship with a rather thick rule book and a lot of discipline, which is good for all parties. His commitment to the development of each individual and their respective talent is a true gift to all the lives of the individuals that he touches and impacts. My wife and I did some fairly extensive checking about him, as well as his program on both coasts, and found it to be one of the highest quality programs with a great reputation.

Specifically, Makenzie's growth in her respective skills and her overall confidence have blossomed through this two-year experience. Peter's insight into the uniqueness of individuals, especially our daughter, has been very good. As Makenzie has grown, so have Kimberly and I, in this journey, as parents through his encouraging us to explore ideas, choices, and in the setting of the appropriate expectations for our daughter.

In summary, Makenzie will attend as much as possible the various opportunities provided by Peter and his organization throughout 2003 and into the future. We believe this is the litmus test of a program, and we are "voting with our feet" by having our daughter continue to participate along with her other diet of activities. Lastly, Kimberly and I would gladly receive calls and be a reference to our experiences if you would like to talk with us directly. Our phone numbers are \_\_\_\_\_ (work), \_\_\_\_\_ (Doug's cell), and \_\_\_\_\_ (Kimberly's cell).

Sincerely,



Douglas B. Rath

Cc: Kimberly Rath

January 14, 2003

Dear Peter,

As Casey and I review the dates for the spring mini-workshops at your home, I am once again thankful for your influence in my daughter's life. Through association with you and your staff during the summer workshop, she began to realize many of the dreams she has carried from childhood, but it has been the small group work at your home which has given her the confidence to take chances in her daily life.

She is more willing now to risk failing at an activity for the chance of being successful. She not only volunteers to perform at the drop of a hat, but she speaks up more often in class and expresses her opinions with confidence. She has joined team spots where she has little experience but no fear of trying her best and learning from the experience.

Her world has grown larger; her horizons broader. Even her level of comfort inside her own skin has increased since her experiences in New York with you at the mini-workshops. I am sure that I will have other opportunities to say thank you for all you have done for Casey and for me, but I didn't want to miss this one.

Sincerely,

*Catherine*

Dr. Catherine Hayes



January 16, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

We are the proud parents of two daughters who have attended several of Mr. Peter Sklar's workshops and mini-workshops in Harrison, New York, which is a smaller more suburban town north of Manhattan. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Sklar for his time, patience, persistence, and his expert training that he has directed to our daughters, Kelley Sheppard and Sarrah Sheppard. Having these workshops in his home provides more time and convenience for working with small groups or individuals throughout the day.

Not only is this Mr. Sklar's home, but it literally is a very creative environment filled with talented and extraordinary people. Students, both children and young adults, are often in attendance with Mr. Sklar, guest instructors, and other experienced performance professionals. Chaperones are always present to assist the attendees and to ensure a safe and secure environment.

All attendees invited to attend the workshops are expected to behave according to definite, reasonable rules, none of which Kelley and Sarrah have found too difficult to heed. They also enjoy helping with the chores and they do manage to adapt to the diet plan (including the acquired taste of tofu).

Experts from the performing arts are invited to the house to conduct short seminars. They consult, advise, instruct, and guide these chosen few in developing their talents. Kelley and Sarrah really enjoy meeting these professionals and seem to benefit from this training.

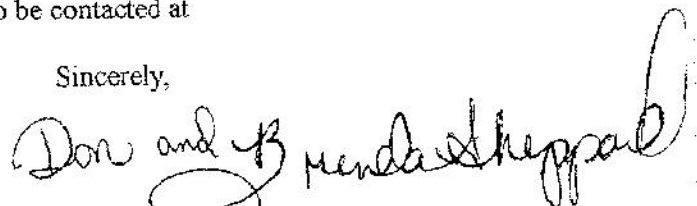
Accommodations are good at Mr. Sklar's comfortable two-story house located in a peaceful neighborhood. Like a big, happy family several children are often attending these mini-workshops. They have space to work right on the premises and sometimes, weather permitting, work outside on the deck. Kelley and Sarrah have attended several mini-workshops with Mr. Sklar and they simply love their time "up" there. They truly value the learning experience, managing their responsibilities, and the social interaction with their fellow performing peers. They have fun and they learn.

The children all seem to love Mr. Sklar and Mr. Sklar cares about them. Kelley and Sarrah look forward to each mini-workshop and plan their schedule so that they are able to attend. They have learned a great deal and continue to develop their talents. They are having fun and are seriously considering acting as a full-time vocation, perhaps sooner than we, as parents, are prepared. We are behind them all the way and with Mr. Sklar's guidance will remain their greatest fans.

Brenda, Kelley's and Sarrah's Mom, has been to the mini-workshops and worked as a nurse at the summer workshop. She has witnessed the value and benefit these kids are receiving through Mr. Sklar's workshops. She can be contacted if you wish to consult with her or have questions here in Houston (Cypress), Texas at \_\_\_\_\_ or

Kelley and Sarrah can also be contacted at \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,



Don and Brenda Sheppard

Subj: **Thank You from Robby Durand & Family**  
Date: 6/24/2006 9:04:27 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: summ \_\_\_\_\_@msn.com  
To: [petersklar@aol.com](mailto:petersklar@aol.com)

Hello Peter:

This letter is to thank you so much for your wonderful hospitality and Robby's experience at the June 2006 Beginnings New York workshop. Robby has been sharing non-stop about the great classes he had, and the people he met (students and professional instructors). His overall experience was, and will always be, exceptional and memorable. I commend you and your staff for the professionalism, caring and understanding of each individual child that attended. Both his father and I felt that we as parents experienced a great deal of "homesickness" more so than Robby did (thank goodness!!). Again, we send many thank yous for giving Robby the much needed self confidence boost every artist, and child needs to succeed in the world we live in.

Sincerely,

Robert, Jeri Ann & Robby Durand

Dear Peter,

Enclosed is a money order of \$595.00. \$590.00 is for early tuition fee for the June 14-22 Beginnings, and \$5.00 for your packet "SUMMER ADVENTURE IN NEW YORK CITY". We're hoping to take a trip to N.Y. and the upper New England states.

Your seminars are interesting and informative, especially for parents who have never had exposure to the entertainment business. The information proved to be invaluable.

Beginnings was probably the best thing that Valerie has ever been involved in educationally. The training was top rate. The care and encouragement you and your staff give the students is quite remarkable. Every detail of the workshop is thoroughly worked out. It really lifted Valerie's self-confidence.

What impresses us most though, is the way you personally follow up on the kids you feel have potential. I know Val loved being coached by you. She considers you a real friend. You seem to care a great deal about her and all the kids, and want to see them succeed.

I could go on an on. I've reworked and edited half of what I had written. But, I don't think you were expecting a book. Hope this helps.

We will be looking forward to seeing you in April when you come to Chicago. I hope by then we will know more about our Summer plans, and can work out something to let Valerie stay in N.Y. for a while.

Sincerely,

*Gail Hart*

Subj: **Wade Hahn**  
Date: 9/1/2007 12:44:32 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: krh@st.net  
To: petersklar@aol.com

Hello! I hope this email finds you well. Wade had a great experience at the workshop last month and looks forward to an opportunity to work with you again. He mentioned a mini-workshop in October...we would like to hear more about it to see if that is a possibility for him. You have a great program and it was an awesome opportunity for him to come to your workshop in Ossining. I appreciate the time and care you take to make sure they are safely delivered to and from JFK.

We look forward to hearing from you soon,

Karen Hahn

Saturday, September 01, 2007 AOL: PETERSKLAR

Subj: **London 2007**  
Date: 9/24/2006 10:53:53 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: ced .net  
To: [peterskiar@aol.com](mailto:peterskiar@aol.com)

Hello Peter!

My daughter, Kaley Harman, attended your Beginnings Workshop this past August. She truly had a wonderful time! Kaley came home full of stories and experiences! Even now - weeks later, she is still sharing with us! Kaley was thrilled to be invited back next summer - and even more thrilled to have the opportunity to study in London! We were wondering if Kaley would still be able to sign up for the July 16 - 22 session in London. We are strongly considering this workshop experience, if there is still a space available. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Marcey Harman  
[ced.net](mailto:ced.net)

Subj: **Courtney Lux**  
Date: 6/27/2007 2:10:23 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: hē  
To: [petersklar@aol.com](mailto:petersklar@aol.com)

Peter,

We received the comment sheets on Courtney. I am very impressed with her improvements. You have done a great job. I can't say enough wonderful things about you to everyone we know. I hope you will consider coming to Tyler this next year for new students. Our dance teacher, Candy Crocker Jordan, would love to co-host a meeting with Courtney's voice teacher, Angie Smith (she is a teacher at Tyler Junior College & director of Harmony & Understanding). I think you would have a great turn out and a lot of potential students. Courtney's youngest sister, Caroline (12) would love to come to the workshop next year if possible. Caroline just performed the lead role of Annie in Annie Jr. at her school. Caroline is now taking voice as well.

Courtney came home early this year (I usually fly up and stay in Manhattan for a week to see plays, etc.) to perform in a hometown review. She sang "My Funny Valentine" and was awesome.

I sorry this is so long but I am so excited because Courtney came home so pumped.

Anyway, there are 2 things I need to ask you.

1. We are looking at college auditions for this next year. Courtney wants to pursue a Musical Theatre degree preferably in NYC. She sings Latin, Italian, German, French & English. She has had a private vocal coach for 10 years. She has danced for 12 years. Acting is her weak point but you are improving that with each workshop. What colleges do you recommend?

2. I want to have a CD of her musical repertoire produced. Do you have any suggestions as to the songs, number of songs, etc. that people like yourself would like to here?

Again, thank you for all you have done for Courtney. And I am sending in the mini workshop page. Courtney wants to come back for New Year's.

Vicki

**Hector delCastillo, Jr., M.D., P.A.**

*Fellow American College of  
Obstetrics and Gynecology*

August 18, 1999

Mr. Peter Sklar  
16 Second Ave  
Pelham, New York 10803

Dear Peter,

Thank you so much for inviting Brianna to your Beginnings Workshop all those years ago. She has loved every minute of the numerous workshops she has attended since.

Although we were initially apprehensive about allowing our eleven-year-old daughter to travel alone to New York we soon learned it was the best decision we could have made for her. She was so pleased with the professionals running the classes and said their enthusiasm was contagious.

Brianna's confidence in herself and in her performing abilities has grown immensely and your follow up and support has been appreciated.

We know you'll continue to encourage other young people to pursue their dreams and hope other parents recognize the unique opportunities you offer.

May you receive rave reviews in your personal endeavors and hopefully make many more trips to Houston.

Sincerely,



The del Castillo's

HOWARD B. HOLMES  
145 Brice Road  
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Peter Sklar  
16 Second Ave.  
Pelham, NY 10803

Dear Peter,

I would like to thank you for the wonderful opportunity you have given my daughter to share in the "Beginnings" experience. Jamie has attended the last two "Beginnings" workshops and is eagerly awaiting to return again this summer. It has enriched her life beyond measure.

Your honest and straightforward approach in dealing with the young people who attend "Beginnings" is admirable. Certainly not all of the participants in "Beginnings" will go on to pursue successful careers in the professional entertainment field, as you acknowledge up front. But just as certainly they ALL are greatly enriched because of their "Beginnings" experience. The self-confidence that is fostered, the hard work ethic that is ingrained, the opportunity to work with and learn from the instructors who are among the best in their profession, and the chance to meet and establish lasting friendships with fantastic people are rewards that each and every participant receives. These benefits are lasting and will enhance their lives no matter what profession they may choose.

Furthermore, I would like to compliment you on the outstanding follow-up that you have built into "Beginnings." I find it truly amazing how you can maintain a working relationship with so many of the participants who seek your professional help following the workshops. Jamie has been privileged to receive private coaching from you on several occasions in New York. During each of her trips there have been other "Beginnings" alumni who have come to New York to also work with you. You have always arranged your schedule so that you have ample time to work with each of them individually. It is obvious that you really care about these young people and are more than willing to give of your valuable time to help them. All Jamie needed to do was ask and you were there for her. Jamie considers you as much more than just a great acting coach and mentor. She looks upon you as an adult who really shows an interest in her and cares about her. You mean a great deal to her.

As you probably are aware, I have already highly recommended the "Beginnings" workshop to parents and will continue to do so. No matter what the future may hold, Jamie's life has been greatly enriched by "Beginnings" and her personal association with you, Peter. I wish to offer my personal heartfelt thanks. And if any parents would like to contact me concerning "Beginnings," I would certainly welcome the opportunity to share with them what it has meant to us.

Sincerely,



Howard B. Holmes



Aug. 25, 2004

Dear Peter,

We just wanted to express our appreciation for you having Hannah out to your mini workshop. She had a great time and came home enthused, refreshed, & refocused. We continue to be amazed at the spark you can ignite for these kids - even those that are already pretty "sparky" like Hannah. She continued to integrate "Peter-isms" and a new way of living fully, living well that she has gained thru Beginnings! Thanks

for your dedication & commitment to her health & well-being!

She won't be able to go to London next year as fabulous as it looks - thanks for asking.

Have a great Fall - hopefully, we'll see you next year sometime!

fondly,

Vicki Kennedy

P.S. Don't hesitate to send folks my way for referrals!

"beginnings"

Mr. Peter Sklar  
16 Second Avenue  
Pelham, New York 10803

Dear Mr. Sklar;

This letter is to thank you once again for the positive influence that you have had in our daughter, Amber McMeans' life.

We are looking forward to her coming to your "beginnings" workshop for the fourth time this summer.

When you first started working with Amber, she was struggling with shyness and needed to grow in self-confidence. However, your workshops and hand-selected staff members have helped her to have many positive experiences, gain knowledge, have more self-confidence, and better self-esteem. (Just making the trip to New York and back has enabled her to have positive feelings about her capabilities.) Your careful planning, safety measures, and regulations have set her up over and over to succeed! How very deeply my husband and I appreciate all that you have personally done for our teenager.

About six months ago, she landed the lead in the "Wizard of Oz. Our "Dorothy" carried herself most well; she had about 100 speaking lines, many solo, duet, quartet singing roles. This was her own personal goal and worked very hard to obtain it.

As of this week, Amber has a wonderful situation. She has conducted herself well in recent auditions, and has, therefore, managed to land 2 leading roles in both our local community children's theater, Tyler Children's School of Performing Arts, and her school theatrical production of, "Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

Amber is involved in Theater I at school, and feels that she may pursue "Performing Arts" or "Drama Teaching" as her career choice. She currently is making all "A's" in her other subjects, and is active in school sports. She's learning to make new friends, and is looking forward to being on the "A" school cast with juniors and seniors. She feels this is quite a vote of confidence from her drama teacher at school, since she is only a freshman.

We give thanks to our dear Lord above for a happy, healthy, growing daughter who is not afraid to try new things and learn to grow through meaningful experiences.

We realize that many people, including parents, family, teachers, clergy, etc. help to shape, influence, and inspire a young life. Thank you again, Peter and staff members of "beginnings" for caring and making a difference.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. J. McMeans

Subj: **Heather Rackliffe**  
Date: 9/9/2004 7:40:23 AM Eastern Standard Time  
From:  
To: [PEIERSKLAR](#)

Dear Peter:

I don't have alot of time to write because I'm at work.

Anyway's Heather had a wonderful time and is continuing to eat the proper foods, taking her vitamins, oh yea and having some junk food too. She has changed some what for the better. I think by sending to the workshop it not only helped with her acting abilities but also her behavior. I would like to know if there are any openings for the November Mini Workshop because she indicated she would like to attend. Also, we have discussed about the Assistant for next summer but we haven't made a discission as of yet. If possible could you give the dates for next summer. I must say I think it was a great experience for her and she did idead have a great time. When she did come home she said I wish I was at the workshop because was unhappy being home. Everyone in the workshop got along with each other and no one made fun of anyone or what that person liked to do or even what they said. Where back in school that's all the kids do. But that not only at her school but everywhere. That's the way of life is today which is to bad. But she has taken control over what other people say and do and will confront them. At this time I would like to Thank You for choosing Heather to attend the workshop and hopefully she does continue. She does have a great personality and does make the most out of everything she does. Thank you again and hope to here back from you soon.

Very truly yours,

Julie A. Rackliffe

August 28, 20003

To Peter Sklar  
From Kim Barrett

Hi Peter I would just like to say thank you, Tiffany came off the bus very happy and said she would like to move to New York. She also described the food she ate as good each day, and she was very nervous but I think she did a great job considering how shy she is, she said she is working on that. But I will let her tell you her experience herself.

Thank you for considering her in the first place to be a part of your beginning work shop, I realized it was an opportunity of a life time and I feel very blessed that she was able to join you and your crew.

Thank you for taking good care of her, she told me no more soda mother so I think the better way of eating will be with her and she will show me. The showcase was wonderful all the students did a great job. Again I thank you for all your hard work.

Stay Blessed

Kim Barrett, Tiffany Barrett's mother

**Laraine Ebinger**

September 27, 2001

Peter,

Thank you so much for your phone call to us last night. It was nice to talk to you and to know you are looking forward to seeing Sara again!

The one thing I failed to mention to you during that call was some of Sara's achievements since returning from Beginnings last summer. She entered high school last month and joined women's choir. Her choir teacher moved her into Varsity Choir (the only freshman) after the first day. He called me to tell me that Sara had a beautiful, strong voice and wanted to move her up. She also performed in the play, *Midsummers Night Dream* with the Crighton Kids. She has joined theater in school and her theater teacher has Sara show the other students how to do certain things on stage!!

Peter, I know that Sara had the ability to do the things I mentioned above, however, I strongly believe that your workshop strengthened and polished (like the voice lessons) what she had. In addition and most importantly, I believe it gave her the confidence to truly show her ability and increased her self-esteem. For all that, I thank you for believing in my daughter.

I will look forward to seeing you in Houston the early part of December.

Sincerely,



Laraine Ebinger

July 7, 2004

Dear Mr.Sklar,

*I want to thank you for taking such an interest in my daughter Meghan. She had such a great time last year and this year at Beginnings workshop. She met so many nice kids and worked with some great people. Meghan does enjoy challenges and I appreciate the exposure you have given her. Living in a small town and going to a rural high school doesn't give her much exposure to large cities plus she's been able to expand her creative energies in new ways due to what you have introduced to her to.*

*I've had Meghan involved with the local dance studio for 12 years because that is what is available in our rural community.*

*I would like to thank you for inviting Meghan to one of your mini workshops. She is very interested in attending one. Meghan's schedule is pretty booked for the fall. The ~~June~~<sup>January</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup> is a possibility but financially it would work out better if we wait till next summer. Our son is a senior this year- senior year is a very expensive year. He wants to attend school on the east coast(Georgetown, Middlebury, Harvard or Boston University). We are hoping that he will receive a good financial package at the university that accepts him.*

*Meghan definitely will attend Beginnings workshop next summer-if you ask her back. Please keep her in mind for*

*next summers mini workshops at your house. We will be more aware of our financial situation later this year.*

*Thank you once again for the interest you have shown in Meghan.*

*Linda M. Gaber*  
Linda M. Gaber

Rd.  
Mi 490

4-5-02

Dear Peter -

Thank you for having Jenna as your house guest and all that went along with it. She enjoyed the experience very much. When she first arrived home she was cranky and tired. It took her a couple of days to transition back to her "real" life so we had to wait for the benefits.

Now she is talking alot about the fun she had and is making a sincere effort to eat a healthier diet. Her mood is so affected by food (blood sugar) which I have always known but it is wonderful that someone (you) could show that to her. Parental teaching goes on deaf ears at times in the teens years. Other people are always smarter than parents! ☺

The cell phone came in the mail today. Hope this covers it.

Thanks again -

Linda Johnson

Linda Moore  
06/22/2001 09:47 AM

To: Peter Sklar  
cc:  
Subject: Beginnings Workshop- Amanda and Bethany Moore

Peter,

I cannot thank-you enough for the experience Amanda and Bethany had at the Beginnings Workshop. They really gained self confidence and discipline. They cannot wait to use their monologues in auditions at our community theater. The coaching was very valuable. Amanda attended last June and had a great experience and was thrilled to attend again as an assistant, but she said it was even better this year. I must admit I was worried about Bethany and the food but she enjoyed the food and now eats humus and drinks soy milk on a regular basis, something I was not able to get her to do prior to the workshop.

Amanda cried as we reached our car after the showcase performance. She said she was just so sad that it was all over and wished it was all just starting. The girls have been home for three days now and are constantly saying things like "if we were at the workshop I would be at self defense right now." It makes me sad that they miss the people and activities so much. They really enjoyed every class and activity and the very full days. But I am thrilled that they have the confidence and maturity to be away for ten days and I know they will do just fine.

We looked for your monologue book and were unable to order through Amazon.com or any on line book stores. We did find it can be ordered through Baker's Plays in their catalogue they list it under Theater Books and we have already ordered it.

Amanda would love to come back next year as an assistant again. She will be 16 next July and hopes to be a chaperone when old enough. Bethany also wants to return next year. When I suggested they may want to investigate other options they were both very clear that they want to attend your workshop again.

Thank-you for offering the students such a great experience.

Sincerely,



Linda Moore



Subj: **Mallorie Sheldahl/mini workshops**  
Date: 9/10/2004 5:49:32 AM Eastern Standard Time  
From: she [redacted] iet  
To: [PETERSKLAR@aol.com](mailto:PETERSKLAR@aol.com)

Peter,

Thank you so much for all your time spent with Mallorie in NY. She had a wonderful time!!! Upon returning home we had a family get together, she had lots of relatives that were really anxious to hear all about it. Mallorie performed her monologue for us. she did an awesome job!!! My husband and I couldn't believe it was our daughter!!! The emotion she poured into herself was unbelievable!! It was very exciting for us considering we missed her in NY. ( not all Taxi drivers know their way around in NYC, and for us it was not the right nite to be lost----- what a huge disappointment for us!!!)

I have put the money order in the mail for a DVD from the workshop/off stage production nite. Please, order us a DVD.

We have also been discussing Mallorie and a mini workshop. We are thinking about Thanksgiving holiday. Do you still have availability and if so what do I need to be doing to get a spot held for Mallorie? When would she need to fly into NY? Please advise me.

Mallorie is settling into her 'freshmen' school days. She is a bit over whelmed with her make up school work but seems to be handling it very maturely. Her teachers have been extremely supportative of her absence and her time frame of getting her work completed, which helps out tremendously!!!She cheers her 1st football game tonight. We are looking forward to watching her....she's a little nervous.

We look forward to your return to our dance studio! I advised Miss Amy of some extra publicity for your coming, we hope we have a good turn out!!

Have a great weekend!  
Lisa Sheldahl

July 5, 2003

Dear Peter,

My Husband, Eddie, (you remember the cigar smoker) just handed me our local paper with an amused grin on his face. "Read this!" he said. I cautiously took the paper. I immediately recognized the tension of opposites in the parental rhetoric. "Hey this is our Peter!" I exclaimed. Eddie and I have had some laughs over our own decision making process about sending Chelsea to your house. Believe me the laughs only started after we met you on your driveway to pick her up!

I want very much to be able to express to you what a growth oriented experience this was for our entire family. I was so excited after meeting you at Chelsea's dance studio. She was ecstatic and ready to be "discovered"! After we received your package on the workshops I did everything that you said. I read every word, crossed the t's, dotted the i's! I spoke to people all over the country about you and your workshop. I was 100% sure about sending Chelsea to the workshop. I was instrumental in convincing others in our dance studio to seriously look into sending their children. I was moving forward with excitement and anticipation.

Right up until that moment that I stood in your office and handed Chelsea and her friend over to you for a week. I am proud to say that at that moment I lost it so bad that I earned my own special paragraph in your next workshop info package letter. You know the one about inspecting your home....

First let me say this, "Happy Easter!". It occurred to me some weeks later that I was actually pretty rude and did not even wish you at least a happy spring on Easter Morning! I apologize. I was so completely seized with fear at that moment that I did not know how I would walk out the door. Had my very brilliant husband not had the insight to go with me (I had planned on bringing the girls by myself) I know I would have brought the girls home. But with a last check from the girls, and from Eddie, I moved like a ghost across the floor and out the door. I got into the car and cried all the way to Baltimore. Eddie says I didn't talk all the way home to Virginia.

Well, let me tell you it was a tough week. I went so far inside myself, apparently right where I needed to go. At the age of thirteen I was trustingly handed over by my mother to a family that as it turned out did not deserve her trust. There was from that point a long, slow seduction over the course of the next two years. I was the babysitter. I'm sure that I

do not have to paint this picture for you. Suffice it to say that the effect of that situation on my life had been long standing. It is very hard for me to try to put into words what took place the week that Chelsea was at your house. I was lucky enough to have a wonderful spiritual director who listened with great love as I explored my deepest feelings concerning my past experience. I really did my soul work that week.

I found that in doing my homework concerning your workshop and in trusting you, when my own life experience begged me not to, I experienced a real change in my self. Just as Chelsea found that in sitting with her pain of being away from home and sticking it out anyway she was changed forever. I can't tell you the number of times she has drawn on that experience when she has been faced with something tough. Like this month when she had to dance a duet in a show by herself because her partner didn't show up. She was magnificent!

I continue to explore the experience of the workshop with Chelsea as she brings things up. I asked her one night why she thought God had sent her to New York. What he may have wanted for her. She said, "You know Mom, I don't think that God sent me to New York to get discovered and be a big star. I think that he sent me there to learn that lesson about sticking it out when things are hard." WOW! Thank God for you, Peter.

All of my life experience goes into trying to be a good parent. Having a realization of what can happen I have tried to not squash Chelsea's voice. I have a deep awareness of the wrongs that parents may unknowingly do by their children because of their own fear. I have tried to help Chelsea see that when I wig out, and I do, it is always my fear and not she. I hope that I have helped her to see that there are many layers to people and that it is hard to know what makes people tick. I often remind her that all she can control is herself, all she can know is herself and the more she knows herself the more she knows God. When you let go of fear God shows you who you are. He shows you what he wants for you. It's the most amazing little shift of focus.

I know that Chelsea sensed my fear when I left your house that day. I feel badly that it probably made the experience a little harder for her. We have had lots of long talks about both of our experiences. We both wholeheartedly agree that the workshop was a very good thing. Peter, I wonder if you really know how far reaching your work is. Please go easy on us poor old parents. I hope that most of us really just want to do what's right for our children. I imagine that in your work you've seen the other side too often.

Well, I wish that I could tell you that we have all converted our evil ways as far as our diets go. The most that we have been able to maintain is the Kashi cereal and we definitely eat more fresh veggies. We did get some flaxseed oil and Chelsea is choosing salads over burgers. I am trying harder now that we are in preparation for the workshop this summer. Your list and advice really help. Wish us luck...we'll need it.

We are making preparations for the workshop. Chelsea has been experiencing some apprehension about going. This past week her dance company danced for the Miss Virginia Pageant and she was able to see one of our graduated seniors who is dancing for the Rockets, Erica Whitaker. Erica was very excited about the workshop and shared her "New York" stories with Chelsea. She is now more determined than ever to go and have a successful experience. Our e-mail is

if you can send her an encouraging note or just a hello it would mean a lot to her. We think of you all the time and know that God is blessing your work and your life. Take care, Peter.

Sincerely,

Dear Peter,

Thank you so much for your time and interest in Ashlee. She really enjoyed her visit and apparently learned a lot.

Her monologue sounds great - I'm impressed! She's always had very good memorization skills which should help in her endeavors.

Your coaching seems to have drawn out an inner desire and possible ability to act.

Please know, she takes in and remembers every word you say even if there is no immediate response from her.

Ashlee is so excited about Beginnings and working with you again. She's even taking her vitamins.

As a parent, I am very appreciative of your efforts and encouragement. If there's ever anything I can do, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,  
Sherry C. Bussiere

P.S. Next time you're in town - dinner on me.

September 27, 2009

Dear Peter -

We received your message regarding the additional \$145.00 for Sarah to be an Assistant at next years August Workshop.

She had a wonderful time last year and learned alot about her self. Looking forward to next year.

Thanks for all of the hard work you put in for these kids. Your commitment + dedication is greatly appreciated. I can see a greater awareness in Sarah when she is making her food choices especially.

Keep up the Great Work!

Camille Meloyk

Sarah Nixon's Mom

Dear Peter,

We wanted to let you know what a wonderful experience it was for Tiffany to attend the Beginnings workshop last June. Tiffany loved all of her classes and was very impressed with the instructors. She also spoke very highly of the other staff members. Not only did she learn and grow through your program, she had great fun. She also met many new friends, some of whom she is still corresponding with.

We feel that the Beginnings program has enriched her life and helped her focus on what she really wants. Her self confidence is also much stronger.

Tiffany is looking forward to returning for another session at Beginnings. We would highly recommend this program to any parent considering sending their child to Beginnings.

Sincerely,

Melvin & Melinda Hauri

Connersville, Indiana

January 20, 2002

Dear Peter,

I have been meaning to write you since the August 2001 workshop and I do apologize for the delay. My daughter, Marybeth Holtzer had a fantastic experience at Beginnings and I saw a new grown-up person come home. She matured and was more self confident. She met quite a few new friends. She is still communicating through emails and letters.

Thank you so much for inviting her!

You called her over Labor Day weekend about a possible interview with a talent scout. I didn't get back to you

because of the tragedy of September 11 and our upcoming move. The letter you sent to all the Beginnings participants was very moving. We were in the process of moving to Sydney, Australia. My husband moved in July and Marybeth and I finally moved the beginning of October. I was also in the middle of closing our specialty shop and selling our home. I asked Marybeth's dance director, Jen McCormick, to contact you on our behalf since I was so busy. I am sorry if this was the incorrect procedure. Did you receive Jen's messages? →

We are enjoying Sydney and will probably will stay here for at least 4 years. Marybeth is extremely happy and settled here.

Mb will not be able to attend the 2002 summer workshop but please keep her in mind for 2003 and 2004. Do you know anyone in Sydney area for Marybeth to continue with her acting workshops, etc?

Our new address is Mike, Robyn & Marybeth Holtzer

Australia 2087

Thanks again for everything  
Best wishes,  
Robyn & Marybeth

Peter Sklar  
16 Second Ave.  
Pelham, New York 10803

Dear Peter,

First of all, we would like to say that you were right when you said, "Children do not get homesick, parents get homesick". My wife and I constantly wondered what Courtney was doing each and every minute of the day. Wondering if she was enjoying herself or maybe she was miserable. Needless to say, enjoying herself was the understatement of the year. When we saw Courtney on stage at the theatre, we could see the joy she was feeling even though she knew after her monologue, the workshop would be over. When we met her outside the theatre after the showcase, she immediately started talking about all of the classes she had taken and what she had learned in each class. She talked about her "magic" class, the monologue she had to memorize, the chaperones and all of the friends she met from all over the United States. She just talked and talked and talked about "Beginnings". She Loved It! Peter, I must say, it is now July and she is still talking about "Beginnings".

We just wanted to take this time to write and say thank you. If there are any parents in the future who would like to talk to another parent about the "Beginnings" workshop, please feel free to give them our name and telephone number. We would love to talk to them about the "Beginnings" workshop, because it would be the experience of a lifetime for their child.

Sincerely,

*Myles K. Hudson*  
*Cheryl W. Hudson*

Myles K. Hudson  
Cheryl W. Hudson

January 19, 2004

Mr. Peter Sklar  
Beginnings Workshop  
153 Webster Ave.  
Harrison, NY 10528

Dear Peter,

This letter should have been sent to you long ago. Here it is. These are direct quotes from my son, Tom Mierle, age 15, (now 16) who was a student at Beginnings Workshop in August of 2003. He is looking forward to returning again this summer.

“I thought the food would be nasty, but it turned out to be really good. Everyone had their favorite meals.”

“I enjoyed making friends with other students. Everyone was nice and easy to get along with.”

“The instruction allows you to tone the skills you already have and focus on strengths and weaknesses. It also enlightens you on what it would be like to perform professionally.”

“It was lots of fun.”

“I thought the rules were a bit extensive, but when I got to the workshop, I found that they weren't that bad. They kept the day organized, and were there to keep the kids safe and on task without taking the fun out of their experience.”

I'd like to add, Peter, that as a mother I was glad for the rules from the very start. I understood that they were in place for very good reason. I listened to some mothers complain, and I defended your procedures totally. How else could one manage so many children of all ages and still get a lot accomplished?

Everything went like clockwork. My son arrived at the airport, and he called me as planned. I sent him mail, which he did receive. I went to New York to see the showcase, (which I thoroughly enjoyed!!) and there he was looking absolutely wonderful! He did a great job, and I could see he was happy. That is good enough for me! I assure you, there is no other mother who is more protective than I. My son will attest to that.

You are doing a wonderful thing for these kids Peter, and this mom and her son sincerely thank you.

Gladys Mierle  
Williamsburg, Virginia



Subj: **Just a little note**  
Date: 9/16/2007 7:06:12 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: Je.  
To: PETERSKLAR

P,

Carmen had an opportunity to introduce herself to Kate Rockwell backstage this weekend at Cleveland Playhouse, where Kate performed at the Rising Star Talent Competition, in which Carmen was a semi-finalist. The program is attached. Of course they discussed....you. Carmen said Kate was very bubbly and had nothing but great things to say about you and the program.

Carmen is quite excited about the opportunities you have offered her with the mini-workshop and assistants scholarship (you have become a household name around here!). Thank you for your role in her growth as a performer and teenager.

Jeanne Moscarillo

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*Mary Ann Quartetti*

July 13, 2003

Peter Sklar  
153 Webster Avenue  
Harrison, New York 10528

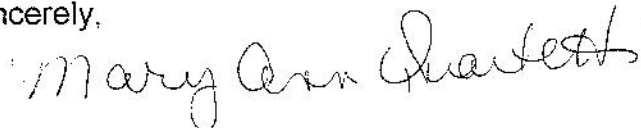
Dear Peter,

It is impossible to express my gratitude to you for the confidence that has been brought out in my daughter, Talia. I could barely believe that was my shy daughter on the stage at the Orpheum Theater. I could not have had a prouder maternal moment.

Since returning to St. Petersburg, Talia went to an Open Call and was cast in her very first commercial. She possessed confidence, grace and professionalism that you would expect from a Beginnings student. She has several agents calling to set appointments to meet her. She is continuing her acting and dancing classes, and shows an excitement level about acting that is contagious. She hopes to return to your workshops, as she continually states how beneficial they are.

When you interviewed Talia at the dance studio, you mentioned that your grandfather was from Russia. Well, we have returned to Russia to adopt our daughter, Galina's sister. I picked this gift for you, as token of my gratitude and appreciation.

Sincerely,



Mary Ann Quartetti

Subj: **June Workshop**  
Date: 6/28/2004 9:23:08 AM Eastern Standard Time  
From: sbi.  
To: [PETERSKLAR@aol.com](mailto:PETERSKLAR@aol.com)

I would like to say that when our daughter Megan Blair said she wanted to attend the Beginnings Workshop we were very apprehensive about her traveling so far and by us not really knowing anything about it. It was a difficult decision but after seeing her on stage we were thrilled at what she was able to do with her monologue. She enjoyed herself the nine days she was there and we think she learned a lot from the workshop. Thanks.

Mr..and Mrs. Stanley Blair

Hi Peter!

Thank you so much! My appreciation for you is continuing every day as I watch my daughters go about their hectic daily schedules. They get so much out of your workshops, it's hard to pinpoint which aspect is the most valuable. Professionally, they have learned detailed specific acting skills and have actually retained them! Personally you have nurtured them to be self aware and focus on their god given talents. They come home with a lasting sense of responsibility to be productive, resourceful and content. Your delivery of healthy food certainly helps my battle against the American Junk. Peter you have a knack with your guidance! My teens came home with direction and conversation of professional aspects and higher education choices. Some times Mom doesn't quite seem to say the right things. I appreciate your added support! You will be seeing more of my daughters at the next mini-workshop!

Sincerely,

Mary Winter

Subj: **mini workshop and photo info**  
Date: 7/3/2004 12:58:18 PM Eastern Standard Time  
From: @bellsouth.net  
To: [petersklar@aol.com](mailto:petersklar@aol.com)

Hi Peter,

Jenna was pretty excited about the workshop experience. She did admit that she liked some food choices better than others but she said although that at first it was hard adjusting, she was fine with the food once she got used to it, and she still plans on eating that way to stay healthy. We are supporting this and are trying to eat healthier too! She was very excited about meeting the special guest stars and loved all her instructors and classes, especially yoga! She found it to be very relaxing [WHICH IS GOOD FOR HER!] especially being a teenager, as she has always had a perfectionist personality and is too hard on herself!! [a gifted child's trait]. She is in tune with her feelings though, but she worries me sometimes and I just want her to always take care of herself. She did a great job at the showcase! I was crying, we were so proud of her! The showcase was impressive and it was nice to see how well all the kids performed. Jenna said she and all the kids were happy about getting to eat Ray's pizza! Jenna has talked to me about a mini workshop and says she wants to do a weekend one. I know it would be a good thing for Jenna to work with you, if you will agree to working with her, in the pursuing of her personal and professional goals toward a career in the arts. Possibly the Oct. Columbus Day weekend workshop, do you still have space available? If not let us know if any other weekends are available. Also, I need to know how to contact the photographer for the photo shoot pictures.

Thank you again,  
Sincerely,  
Nancy Cummings

January 23, 2003

Peter Sklar  
153 Webster Avenue  
Harrison, NY 10528

Dear Peter,


My daughter, Stephanie, has been attending your workshops for a few years now. I find it to be very educational and a great benefit to her future acting career. The professionals you arrange for these workshops are a great benefit to my daughter and all the students

I am additionally pleased that you provide a safe environment for all your students when they attend your mini workshops. The health concerns regarding eating habits that you promote has taught Stephanie a lot about healthy eating habits that will hopefully stay with her for life.

I hope you continue working with these students for many years to come.

Thank for you all your diligent effort.

Sincerely,

  
Nicole Darmofalski

June 7, 2004

**Peter Sklar  
153 Webster Avenue  
Harrison, New York 10528**

**Dear Peter:**

**Forgive my lateness in sending this letter. No excuses, just time passing so quickly, as it does for everyone. We were very saddened when we realized we would not be able to have our son, Kevin, attend the Workshop this summer. The past two summers have been so successful for him. Preparations, anticipation, and then the actual experience. Both years, when he returned to school and dance, everyone, without fail, commented on his behavior. His control, focus, and general demeanor was so improved! We have you to thank for that!**

**Unfortunately, this year Kevin will transition into high school. First, we did not have a definite graduation date for June (because they wait to see how much snow will fall and how many snow days will effect the calendar) until May. The August date would interfere with his first days of high school, and we had concern that he would not adapt quickly enough to the new environment. Graduation is tomorrow, and he is already bemoaning that he is not planning for the workshop. He keeps in touch with friends he has made at previous sessions, and they are all looking forward to coming. He has a great deal of respect for you and has totally enjoyed the workshop experiences. We have been most proud to see the results.**

**We thank you for the invitations to London and spring break. I do hope you will not cross him off of your list. He really wants to come next summer. He will be 15.**

**Please do continue to send your invitations for the wonderful opportunities you have to offer. I hope that we will be able to have him participate next summer, or possibly earlier.**

**Sincerely,**

  
**Peggy J. O'Connor**

**IL 60067**

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Mrs. Pat Lingelbach  
Lingelbach Farm  
P. O. Box 5307  
Clinton, New Jersey 08809

Mr. Peter Sklar  
16 Second Avenue  
Pelham, New York

Dear Peter:

I would again like to take this opportunity to thank you for your genuine concern, caring abilities and awesome talent in helping kids work toward their dreams.

Becky has enjoyed her "fourth" workshop with you. As in her first workshop, her expectations were well met and new ones formed. She has enjoyed and learned so much in each workshop.

You have made a considerable impression in our family. People never really know how much work and love is put in behind the scenes. So let me again praise you and your staff for the wonderful experiences we have enjoyed year after year.

Sincerely,

*Pat Lingelbach*



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153 Webster Avenue  
Harrison, New York 10528**

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**September 29, 2002**

**Peter Sklar  
153 Webster Avenue  
Harrison, New York 10528**

**Dear Peter:**

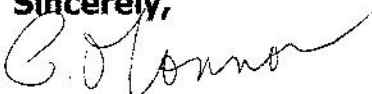
**It seems impossible that it is already a month past this year's workshop. The anticipation, planning, and anxiety involved in the preparation heightened as each month passed. We were concerned, excited, and happy for Kevin to experience the workshop. Now, here we are, talking about next year.**

**You stated that we could expect our children to return from the workshop with more self confidence and an increased ability to focus. That is exactly what we saw in Kevin immediately upon meeting him in New York. That is also what we have continued to see as the weeks have passed. He is more aware of what he is eating and the effects of certain foods on his thinking and behavior. He shows more insight in his school environment, and exhibits an increased awareness of the people around him.**

**He continues to state: "I can't wait to go back". When your letter inviting him back arrived, we were still somewhat overwhelmed from the whole experience. However, after talking it over as a family, we have decided that we want Kevin to return to the workshop next summer.**

**Thank you for offering Kevin this opportunity.**

**Sincerely,**



**Pat & Peggy O'Connor**

*Dr. Ralph and Lindsay Bashoum*

MN

July 8, 1998

Dear Peter,

What a wonderful experience "beginnings" was for Ashley and Josh! The anxiety of a cancelled flight and late arrival quickly dissolved upon meeting the chaperone waiting at the gate as promised. The excitement and challenge of the 11-day workshop was a topic of many family discussions these past two weeks. We wish to thank you and your staff for their dedication and extraordinary effort. Ashley and Josh felt safe and secure, ready to exercise their creativity. They had a great time and enjoyed working with their instructors. You have provided our children with a unique opportunity to explore their craft in a nurturing, yet challenging environment. "Beginnings" has encouraged their interest and passion for acting. It has also given them new tools to grow and have confidence in their work.

As parents, it was not an easy decision to entrust our children to you. It was, however, quite evident that you have invested considerable time, effort and care in designing your workshop. We applaud your dedication to the health and safety of our children. Thank you for inviting Josh and Ashley to participate your workshop. It was a terrific opportunity for them. They especially enjoyed presenting their monologues at the showcase. We were proud to share a moment that represented all the hard work of the past days. The showcase was a testament to the joy you had in your eyes as each child took the stage! You seemed as excited as the rest of us waiting patiently in the audience.

In closing, one final reflection. While gathering up the kids after the showcase, Josh had a telling reaction. He remarked that it was difficult to walk down the stairs of the theater when his name was called. Perhaps he was anxious to see us? No, he hated to leave! Ashley nodded through her tears, "it was so fun—can we come back next time", she said! They wouldn't budge from the curb of the theater until we agreed that they could return. Kids don't sugar coat their opinions. Please accept this heartfelt praise with our sincere thanks.

Warm regards,

*Lindsay & Ralph Bashoum*

*P.S. Please save them a spot for next time!*

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**NOTE:** Ashley can now be seen most weekday afternoons in her featured role on CBS TV's "The Young and the Restless". She booked this series shortly after attending the Beginnings workshop in June, 1998.

Subj: **love your website...**  
Date: 1/6/2007 1:15:28 P.M. Eastern Standard Time  
From: M  
To: PETERSKLAR

hi peter

i am dannie schwartz's mom (terri)...

i love your new web site ...i have been preaching to dannie much of what you talk about in your web site for several years... it's wonderful that she can now read all about it from your experience and knowledge. i can tell you that there is nobody outside of our family unit that she respects more than you..as time goes on she speaks more and more highly of you.. i am so glad she is so comfortable with you..  
dannie is looking forward to spending time at some of your workshops this summer.. i know, i know.. i have to get moving with our plans...i am going to get on it soon.. but you know how it is.. life gets in the way!

sincerely,  
terri

Subj: **THANKS!**  
Date: 6/20/2007 1:50:21 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: [carc](#) [.com](#)  
To: [peterskiar@aol.com](mailto:peterskiar@aol.com)

Peter,

I just wanted to thank you for all the amazing work you did with the kids in the June workshop -- the showcase was WONDERFUL! I could see marked improvement in my daughter Christy Selagy's performance on stage. But even more important to me is the self-confidence she gained (I swear she was walking straighter and taller than when she left!), her renewed interest in health and nutrition, and her incredible excitement about the entire experience. Your workshop has made a WORLD of difference for my daughter, and for that I am eternally grateful. Thanks so very much for giving her the opportunity to be a part of this incredible experience.

Gratefully yours,  
Caryn Selagy

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January 24, 2000

Dear Peter,

Erin's participation in The Beginnings workshop came about quite by accident. We happened to see a small ad in the local newspaper and came to hear you on a whim.

I was surprised and yet impressed by what I heard. The improvement of the total person was the main objective. This came at a time in Erin's life when she was searching for direction.

I was in total shock the night I saw her walk out on that stage and sing so confidently. I could see immediately that she had grown in so many areas.

Thank you for getting to know her and pulling out that inner personality.

She jumped at the chance to come to your home over Thanks giving and after Christmas for mini-workshops. The instructors you had there for additional help, the food, and the one-on-one career counseling have all been invaluable to her and us!

She is much more confident about her ability and direction for life.

We are so thankful to you for giving her guidance, training, advice and being the launching pad for her career.

I feel much better knowing she has met you and that makes an over protective mother very happy

Thank You Very Much  
Shirley Mitchell

I met Peter only once before, and I have to admit that I was apprehensive about Tanner going to Peter's Mini Workshops.

Tanner really enjoys the workshops. He comes home from them a bit maturer, a lot more rejuvenated and even more excited about acting than before. He tells me about his experiences over time, and it sounds not only fun, but there is some intense work, as well as some good life lessons. All of what he learns helps build confidence.

He enjoys the food, but it was not that much of a stretch for him. (He brings sardines to school for lunch to the dismay of his fellow diners). We all eat even better because of his new improved diet.

Now I know when I send Tanner to Peter's Mini Workshop, and the summer workshop, he's learning a great deal. He's with kids that appreciate many of the same things he does, and he can do what he loves and enjoy the company. I am no longer apprehensive.

Susan Rich

P.S. Looking forward to Feb 14-17  
Mini Workshop

October 8, 2001

Dear Peter,

Thank you for your wonderful letter of encouragement and reassurance during the stress of this National crisis. We were all worried about you, and it was so helpful to hear of your safety. Your words of wisdom were comforting, in fact, Lindsey felt that you would be a great support to young people in the United States and wondered if you could possibly speak on a National news broadcast or magazine. Your comments so clearly articulated what everyone is feeling at this time.

After we returned home from visiting with you in early September, Lindsey was more confident about her skill in the performing arts. I could also tell a dramatic improvement in her overall happiness and confidence. It goes without saying that after September 11, 2001, she was unresolved about returning to New York in the near future - although she had been so excited to visit again with you during the Columbus Day weekend. I hope in the future months to come life will settle down and we will feel safer. It is worrisome to travel when the National news is reporting the country to be on a high state of alert.

We have received Lindsey's evaluations from the beginnings workshop, but not her headshots or videotape. If these materials have been mailed, please call and let us know As I mentioned earlier our new address is

Hanna wanted to thank you for your invitation to your wonderful beginnings, and Lindsey was very appreciative to receive an

invitation for next year. I realize we have missed Hanna's earlier enrollment tuition price but we are still working on the girls schedules for the coming year.

Our best wishes,

*Mam*

*Hanna*

Shara, Frank, Lindsey and Hanna Walters

*Frank*

*Lindsey Walters*



**Tracy Pence**  
**5946 Diana Place**  
**Columbus, Ohio 43231-2319**  
**email: typingexp@aol.com**

April 7, 1999

Dear Prospective Beginnings Family:

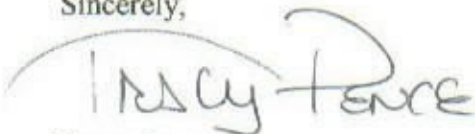
The purpose of this letter is to assure you that all students attending the Beginnings workshop are extremely well safeguarded and professionally cared for by Peter Sklar and his superior staff. The individual support and attention afforded each child are unbelievable. There are no false hopes or implied promises given. All aspects (mentally, physically, nutritionally, professionally, emotionally) of one's well being are addressed. Classes mix responsibility with enjoyment providing each participant a phenomenal learning experience, both personally and professionally. The invaluable training and instruction will surpass one's greatest expectations. Beginnings is a memorable experience that will forever enhance the lives of all participants. Anyone taking time to check references and various state agencies will definitely be impressed. I challenge anyone to find a similar program as carefully researched and run with such quality and depth of professionalism.

Peter Sklar has worked with my daughter for five years in the capacity of career coach, employer and mentor. She has attended Beginnings as a student, a staff assistant, and as a chaperone. It has also been my pleasure to have visited Mr. Sklar on more than one occasion and witness, firsthand, his superb working relationship with my daughter, as well as the interaction that takes place with other students, assistants, and chaperones.

Mr. Sklar and the Beginnings workshop have enriched my daughter's life beyond measure. His working relationship has instilled self-confidence, increased self-esteem, improved her work ethic, made her more focused and conscientious, enhanced her ability to make better decisions and choices, and refined her relationships with family and friends. What a miraculous impact! Mr. Sklar possesses a unique quality that enables him to interact with all individuals. Without reservation, I can wholeheartedly affirm that Mr. Sklar is honest, sincere, has an excellent reputation, possesses the highest integrity, and uses professional and impeccable judgment in every task placed before him.

As you can see from the aforementioned, for the past 15 years, Mr. Sklar's contributions to the community have been uniquely generous and effective. There is considerably more to relate; should anyone have specific questions and/or concerns, feel free to contact me at the above-listed address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracy Pence". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tracy Pence

Subj: **Workshop**  
Date: 9/4/2007 9:27:18 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: justin@mail.com  
To: petersklar@aol.com

Hi Peter,

It was never covered in the guide how to bring your child back to earth after the workshop!! Ariel had a wonderful experience! The workshop has become a major part of our daily conversation and we've heard nothing but good about her classes instructors, and guest speakers. Ariel will head back to school for her senior year on Thurs. and we are sure she will have many new skills from the workshop to apply both to her performing and this special time of change in her life.

Thanks from Jeff and I to you and your staff.

Jean DiSciullo  
Jeff Twohig

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Wednesday, September 05, 2007 AOL: PETERSKLAR

**Subject:** Workshop - Thank you  
**Date:** 8/29/2007 9:39:09 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** [ii@comcast.net](mailto:ii@comcast.net)  
**To:** [PETERSKLAR@aol.com](mailto:PETERSKLAR@aol.com)

*Sent from the Internet ([Details](#))*

Hello Peter

First of all I want to thank you and my Daughter's (Vanessa Walsh G3) Chaperones. I was very happy to hear and see that my Daughter had a very good Time at the Workshop. When I saw her walking out from Theater towards me crying I thought "Oh my God she must have missed me a lot", but the truth was, she was crying because she had to leave all her new Friends. That was really a very good sign for me. It took us a little while till we could leave since the Kids couldn't say finally Good-Bye.

And one big surprise..... She was eating Fish and she liked it. I tried it a lot of times with Fish but no chance. Can I please have the recipe.

I liked the very clear rules and I appreciate that you prepared that Guide and put in all that Information. There where no surprises and everything was explained in Detail. Great Job and I am sure that was a lot of work.

Anyway a big Thank you one more Time. You and your Team did a great Job and everything was organized very good!!!

Maureen Walsh

Subj: **Victoria Womer / Mini-workshop**  
Date: 8/31/2007 9:01:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: k :  
To: petersklar@aol.com

Peter,

My daughter Victoria just completed your workshop 8/27/07. She said you had expressed interest in her returning to do a mini-workshop with you. She is very excited about participating. My husband and I would like more information regarding this. I read what was on the website guide but would like more in depth explanation. In addition to the mini-workshop, Victoria wanted to know if she would be able to do the 9 day workshop again next year.

I wanted to also take the time to tell you how skeptical I was about this workshop. I couldn't imagine how it could change Victoria's life as many of the testimonials said in the original paperwork. I let Victoria go because I did think it would be a good experience, other girls she knew were going, but most of all because she is spoiled and gets what she wants and she wanted to go.

Victoria has never acted before and all I prayed (besides praying for her safety and a good time) was that she remember her lines and not trip or fall. She blew me away with her confidence and ability on that stage. She wasn't the best but she surprised even this mom who sees her children through rose colored glasses.

Victoria has had nothing but good things to say about you and your staff. She loved all her classes and teachers. Her favorite teacher was her monologue coach. The only two things she said she wished she could change was a longer stay and more dance classes. She even thought the food was "ok". She said there was even a few times she went back for seconds (she liked the fish). Victoria is excited about taking acting classes now and can't stop talking about doing the mini-workshop. So my skepticism regarding this workshop has turned to enthusiasm and gratitude. Victoria had a very trying year at her dance studio and was feeling very discouraged and let down by people she trusted, respected and admired for the last 10 years. Your workshop and staff helped to bring back her confidence and love for performing.

THANK YOU!!

With Highest Regard,

Kimberly Womer

Friday, August 31, 2007 AOL: PETERSKLAR

Yolanda Kerns

September 18, 2002

Dear Peter:

Thank you for the time and the extra time you spent with Elise recently. It took me about a minute at the airport in Denver to notice the change in her. While she was gone, I read a lot of the testimonials on your website and, while I expected her to have a good time and learn some stuff, I didn't really expect her to have a life-altering experience like many of the letters describe. After all, I didn't send a shy, quiet kid off to New York in the hopes that she would finally get some confidence! Nevertheless, she is different and the change is good! She came home more mature, more confident, more articulate, more motivated and more sure of herself. And what's new is the sense of empowerment and strength. She also seems more calm and there hasn't been a single Katie Kaboom incident in our house since she's been home. BIG thanks for that!

I now believe Elise was truly blessed to have had the opportunity to participate in the workshop and the mini-workshop afterward in Harrison. It was life-altering and will be with her forever.

Elise would love to return to Harrison for the mini-workshop in December and January. I have enclosed a money order for \$380 which includes \$250 for food and housing, \$40 for classes, \$80 for chaperone service on the first and last day and \$10 to reimburse you for the postage for sending (thank you!) Elise's cell phone and other left-behinds home.

Please let me know the parameters for scheduling her flights as soon as possible. I'm watching the airfares every day. I'm also curious when the pictures from the photo shoot will arrive. And I would also like to know if it's still possible to get a video from the August workshop.

Thank you again for everything and I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,



Yolanda Kerns  
Arvada, CO 80005

January 14, 2003

Dear Peter,

Thank you for having Elise at your house again for another mini-workshop. As usual, she sounds like she enjoyed every minute of it. She loved the guest teachers and coaching sessions with you and came home with renewed focus and motivation. She seems very clear about the direction she wants to head when she starts high school next year although I have had to remind her several times that it is the high school around the corner from our house that she will be attending and not a high school in New York City where she now wants to move! I have to say I did the same thing back in August when we were there - it is so easy to fall in love with that city!

She really enjoyed the trips into New York City. Every few days she tells me something she remembers about the adventures in and into the city on the "choo-choo train" - she cracks herself up doing her impression of you, by the way. I'm so glad you took them to a Broadway show. That was one of the highlights for Elise. We've talked a lot about that show - what a great message. Right after she got home we saw a commercial for that new TV show, "Joe Millionaire." All these gorgeous women compete for the attention of this hunk they think is a millionaire, unaware until the bitter end that he is a construction worker or something. We have talked about the similarities of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" with that new show and that has led to discussions about what's really important in life and deep stuff like that, plus now I have an excuse to watch "Joe Millionaire" where I might have tended to feel guilty watching that kind of trash - now it's research - thanks, Peter!

It sounds like you all had a blast at Café Mozart New Year's Eve (and many other nights) singing until the wee hours of the morning! We have been singing show tunes in the car constantly. Elise has been belting out Belle and Little Mermaid songs a cappella while I prefer to sing along with the soundtracks from Footloose and A Chorus Line.

Elise also really enjoyed helping make dinner for everyone. I do appreciate what you try to get across about eating healthy. Elise always enjoys the food at your house. It's amazing what 10 days of clean living and good nutrition does to your skin! Every time she gets off the plane after being with you her skin looks beautiful. She says it's the flax. I know it's a little more complicated than that.

Thank you again for having her. She can't wait to come back.

Sincerely,

*Yolanda Kerns*

September, 10, 2004

Peter Sklar, Director  
Beginnings Workshop  
68A Croton Dam Road  
Ossining, NY 10562

Dear Peter,

I just wanted to thank you and your staff for all of the time and energy that you put into each Beginnings Workshop. Brittany had another fabulous time and is already talking about next year! I get tired just listening to her schedule and all of the activities that you incorporate into nine days, so I can only imagine what a challenge it must be for you and your staff. Brittany incorporated many of your suggestions regarding nutrition, etc into her daily routine after last year's workshop, but it has had an even more profound affect this year!

As I am sure you remember, I had many questions and concerns before Brittany attended her first workshop, so please feel free to share my name and contact information with anyone who is considering sending their child to workshop. Brittany is very fortunate and has been exposed to many things in twelve years, but she would definitely place her experiences at Beginnings Workshop the past two years at the top of her "all time favorite list."

Once again, thank you for all that you do for these talented kids. I look forward to having Brittany work with you more in the coming year.

Sincerely,



Ann-Marie Cochran  
4417 Clevhamm Common Dr

10562

71-8902

Subj: **Brooke yancy**  
Date: 9/1/2004 10:07:57 PM Eastern Standard Time  
From: [@earthlink.net](mailto:earthlink.net)  
To: [petersklar@aol.com](mailto:petersklar@aol.com)

Dear Peter,

My husband, Gary, and I want to thank you for making Beginnings Workshop a wonderful, educational, and safe experience for our daughter Brooke. We were so proud of her performance Monday night, and so impressed with all of the kids, especially the younger ones.

After the performance, Brooke stayed awake past midnight telling us about her classes and teachers, how much she learned, and all the friends she made. She even admitted to enjoying most of the meals, except for her apparent soy milk allergy!

Brooke also gave us her diary and class schedules to read. I'm very happy that keeping a diary was made a priority. Her journal of thoughts, aspirations, and log of daily events is something she will have forever. I believe it will continue to keep Brooke motivated and inspired to pursue her interest in acting.

We have received your packet of evaluations, and the letter regarding mini-workshops. We would like more information on the Columbus Day mini-workshop. Brooke is interested in attending. Please let us know if you have availability.

Thank you again Peter. Brooke is planning to write to you after she settles into this first week of school. I hope she can return to Beginnings next year, and that someday our younger children will have the same opportunity.

Warm Regards,  
Cathy Yancy

-7730 (home)

-7056 (cell)



Subj: **Beginnings**  
Date: 7/5/2006 10:42:54 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: [chc@global.net](mailto:chc@global.net)  
To: [petersklar@aol.com](mailto:petersklar@aol.com)

Hi Peter. Our son Tyler Hoffman had a wonderful time at the workshop. He had me buy a bunch of fruit when we got back home. And, he is eating salad which he never did before. Still without dressing, but that's okay. He tells me that my salad is not like what he had at the workshop. The way he described it sounds like Spinach, so I guess I will buy that next.

Do we need to submit anything else to you for the DVD? Tyler performed during the 2nd showcase.

Thanks!

Carolyn 

Dear Peter,

Ref: Steven Elmer -- Beginnings Workshop

We want to thank you for the opportunities you afforded Steven during the spring and summer.

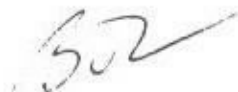
The spring workshop was a great experience, professionally as well as socially. Steven made many new friends and has corresponded with several since the workshop. As a twelve year old, he gained a great deal of professional knowledge and personal confidence which will undoubtedly help him throughout life -- show biz or no show biz. The workshop was obviously organized and planned with young people in mind, and was staffed with instructors well versed in the business. The efforts of you and your staff were apparent from the individual performances during the off-Broadway production.

Beyond the workshop, we were impressed with your personal interest in and time spent with Steven during our numerous visits to the New York area. This additional training was a real windfall. We were more than satisfied with the interviews and exposure you arranged for Steven with New York area agencies and directors.

Steven has frequently expressed his satisfaction with the workshop and desire to repeat the experience. We plan to enroll him in the session and hope our teenage daughter will also qualify for a future session. As parents, we strongly recommend Beginnings for any young adults seeking a career in show business.

Again, thanks for your personal interest in Steven.

Sincerely,

 and Carol


Carol and Bob Miller  
Daytona Beach, FL

Peter Sklar  
16 Second Avenue  
Pelham, New York 10803

Dear Peter:

*I just wanted to let you know how much my daughter, Michelle, enjoyed the Workshop. Taking into account her age of 5 1/2 years, she immensely enjoyed the group workshops, the jazz sessions and the rehearsals of her monologue. She still talks about the workshop and to my surprise can recall other childrens' monologues. I felt that the workshop was a rewarding and growing experience for Michelle and I'm sure she feels the same.*

Sincerely,



Cathleen L. Muraski

Arlington Hts, Il

Mr. Peter Sklar  
Beginnings16  
Second Ave  
Pelham, Ny

Dear Mr. Sklar:

I am very cautious person when it comes to my daughters' well being. After a lot of research I finally agreed to let them go. Both of my daughters have now participated in Beginnings.

Colleen was 11 last summer when she went to the August session. She came back with enthusiasm about what she learned. She also seemed to have more self confidence. Elyse, 15, went to the December session. When she returned to school, her choir teacher and speech team coach were impressed with the improvement in her voice and deliverance. Both Elyse and Colleen had a lot of positive reinforcement from the staff and their self-esteem soared.

The quality of the staff was unsurpassed. The coaches and other professionals were eager and patient teachers. They were experienced and respected in their field. I was quite impressed by them. I was also amazed later to find out the name of Beginnings on my daughters' resumes has brought them to the attention of agents in the Chicago area.

I would have no hesitation in sending them again. I felt my girls were always safe and well cared for and it was a positive experience both personally and professionally for them.

Sincerely,

*Charlotte Wojnowski*

Charlotte Wojnowski

9/6/07

Dear Peter,

A Huge thank you for all that you do for Lauren! She had a wonderful experience at Beginnings again this summer; it is such a joy to listen to her describe all the fun she had! She has done her monologue, as well as her modern dances, for many family members. She is certainly looking forward to joining you again in '08!

Many Many thanks to you and  
all of your staff!

Sincerely,

Cynthia + Mike  
Daniska

Denise Burkhalter  
Marietta, Georgia

Mr. Peter Sklar  
16 Second Ave.  
Pelham, NY 10803

Dear Peter, (for parent's considering "beginnings")

My daughter, Tiffany, attended the Aug. workshop. She is 10 years old and has never been separated from me for more than a few days and that is to go to her grandmother's with her sisters or a friend's house. She and I were both concerned about the distance, the length of separation and that she wouldn't know anyone her age. Our fears were unnecessary. I was never concerned about her safety or her care. The children are closely supervised by a wonderful, caring staff.

Tiffany got on the plane Sunday morning crying. Nine days later, I picked up a different child at the airport. She was standing tall and proud with an increase in self-confidence that was unbelievable. The first thing she said was, "I didn't want to come home. I want you to come there with me." Her sisters and I were so surprised.

She couldn't stop talking about the wonderful time she had. She loved her coaches, teachers, chaperone and even the food. The workshop is a wonderful opportunity for the children to grow, learn the business, make friends from all over the country and have fun.

Peter, it was obvious to me, when I first met you at Christine's School of Dance in Ga, that you truly care about the children. You care about their feelings, their needs, their esteem, their everything.

Tiffany and I think you're the best. She is looking forward to returning to the June workshop.

Please have anyone call with questions or concerns. Tiffany and I would be glad to help allay their fears.

Thanks for all you do,



Denise Burkhalter

October 12, 2003

Mr. Sklar,

I just wanted to write to say thank you for the wonderful opportunity you gave to my daughter, Alyssa. She had a wonderful time and I noticed a great change in her once she was home. We have decided to change the way we eat and it has been good for all of us in the family.

Alyssa is now getting ready to pursue some local work with a local studio here in our area called New Dominion Pictures. They do a lot of programming for the Discovery Channel. We are getting her resume ready to go and she is very excited. Her confidence is up 100% and we both have you to thank for that.

Alyssa has also won the role of a village girl in the Virginia Ballet Theatre's production of Dracula this year as well as a role as a Gingette in their production of The Nutcracker this year. She is ready to take some acting classes and she wanted to come back this winter, but due to scheduling conflicts that does not look like it will be possible.

Thank you for inviting Alyssa back and hopefully she will be invited back for next winter when she should be able to come. Thank you for everything you have done for her and for boosting her self-esteem and her fear of being alone on stage with everyone looking at her.

Alyssa is currently working on a letter to you. She had a wonderful time!

A million thanks,

Donna Clifton  
Mother of Alyssa Benton

David and Gail Dietrich

2089 Plum Street

Schenectady, NY. 12309-5818

Dear Peter,

We'd like to tell you what a wonderful experience Beginnings was for our daughter, Hanna. We had had reservations about sending her to your Workshop last August, since she was only eight years old and had never spent time away from home before. Now it is months later, and she is still talking about what a wonderful time she had. She enjoyed working with her coach and being in classes with other children who shared her same interests. Additionally, her career has opened up. We now have an excellent agent, and have gone on numerous auditions, some for major parts.

Thank you for taking the time to work with her since the workshop. You have been an excellent influence on her career. Hanna is looking forward to returning again this summer.

Thanks again,

David and Gail Dietrich



Subj: (no subject)  
Date: 9/26/2004 6:46:18 PM Eastern Standard Time  
From: de [redacted]@hotmail.com  
To: petersklar@aol.com

Thank you for your visit to Amy's School of Dance. It was very good for Hannah to see you and hear your words of wisdom again. We talked about her eating habits again and the importance of going to sleep when I ask her to go to bed. I feel we are making great strides in these areas. I have come to the realization that the whole reading thing is not ever going to be her favorite part of school. After speaking with the many people involved in Hannah's life I have realized (exactly what I tried to tell people years ago) Hannah is very much a hands on, verbal type learner. It is a shame that we don't have the option of a true performing art school in Des Moines. She can learn a new song, or a script in nothing flat. She may have told you she just started the piano and the clarinet, she is excelling at both.

Anyway, in talking with her about nutrition she mentioned the foods she really liked at the workshop. The soup was her all time fav. We would love the recipes for the soups, and cooked tomatoes. She also promised she would eat grilled cheese like she had there. I assume it isn't your run of the mill cheese, so what should I buy as well as what type of bread. You are so right about the importance and she really wants this.

I hope you don't feel I am an overbearing mother. I would give anything for hannah to succeed if this is what she wants. Thanks again for listening to me ramble.

Deb Janssen

Dear Mr. Sklar,

I want to thank you for inviting Hannah to Beginnings. She had such a fantastic time and seems so mature to me now. I guess a week away from "the farm" (Lana) will do that to a 9 year old.

I was so impressed with the showcase. All the kids did such a great job. Even my father (Hannah's Grandfather) stayed interested and was impressed. He's not a huge theater nut.

I have known for Hannah's whole life that she was a performer. This was so encouraging for Hannah

and myself to see she could make it outside of our little Iowa life. She can't wait to see you again in September. What an honor for Amig's School of Dance to have you return.

Thanks again for everything from the food to the special attention you gave to miss Hannah.

See you soon,  
Dad Janssen

Melrose Park, Il.

Peter Sklar  
Beginnings  
16 Second Ave.  
Pelham, New York 10803

Dear Peter,

Ever since my daughter Jamie attended your workshop this summer I have been meaning to write to you and thank you for the wonderful experience that you gave to her.

I must admit that when I first heard about your seminar in Liberville, Il., I had no idea what I was about to attend. When, halfway through the evening, I realized that you were choosing children to take to New York with you, I was more than a little apprehensive. My daughter is 10 years old, had never flown before, and only spent time away from me to be with relatives. However, Jamie took to you immediately and begged me to at least consider the idea. When my husband and I returned home we both read every word of information that you provided us with. We also called several people to verify that you were who you said you were.

Finally, after much consideration, we decided that we would let Jamie go. This decision was made even more difficult due to the fact that almost all of our relatives thought that we were crazy to send our daughter out of state and in the care of a man we had met only once.

When we received your contract/agreement of the rules and procedures that were to be followed, we were once again overwhelmed. Only this time it was by your thoroughness and attention to every possible detail.

Eventually, August came, and it was time to take Jamie to the airport and say goodbye for the next nine days (with the exception of her phone call from the airport). I can honestly say that this was one of the hardest things I had ever done. For those following nine days I waited and worried and hoped that I had made the right decision. I even watched the weather channel every day just to feel some sense of knowing what was happening with her.

Well, I am happy to say that every fear or concern I ever had about the trip was unfounded. Jamie had the best time of her life. She learned alot, made alot of new friends, and she also realized that she is alot more capable and mature than she ever gave herself credit for. As soon as she got off of the airplane I could see the excitement and enthusiasm about all she had done and learned shining brightly in her eyes. She didn't tell us every detail at once, It has been more of an ongoing process. Her father and I are planning on sending her back to New York again this summer. We now know that we will have nothing to worry about and Jamie will have another great week with some old and new friends.

Sincerely,

*Debbie Madison*  
Debbie Madison

P.S. Jamie would love for you to say "Hello" for her to her two favorite instructors, Robert Galinsky and Sean Conroy.


Christina Storts (11 years old)  
Mr. and Mrs. Gregg and Donna Storts  
7337 Woodale Dr.  
Carroll, OH 43112



DEAR PETER:

JUST WANTED TO DROP YOU A LINE TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE CHRISTINA HAD AT BEGINNINGS. SHE TALKED NON-STOP FOR SEVERAL HOURS ABOUT THE WORKSHOP.

WHEN WE GOT HOME SATURDAY A.M. AND FOUND YOUR LETTER AND EVALUATIONS, SHE WAS READY TO TURN AROUND AND HEAD BACK TO NEW YORK. I KNOW SHE PHONED YOU TO LET YOU KNOW THAT SHE WISHES TO WORK WITH YOU MORE THIS SUMMER. WE WILL TALK MORE ABOUT THIS IN JULY WHEN SHE PHONES YOU.

WHILE IN NEW YORK, WE SAW **EVERYTHING**. STATUE OF LIBERTY, EMPIRE STATE BUILDING, SAKS, ( WHERE WE ALSO TALKED WITH THE GOVERNOR AND MRS. VOINOVICH FROM OHIO) NBC, RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL , MACY'S, WENT TO A DAVID LETTERMAN TAPING, SAW THE PRODUCTION OF ANNIE, TOOK A HORSE AND BUGGY RIDE THROUGH CENTRAL PARK, ST. PATRICKS CATHEDRAL, WORLD TRADE CENTER, ALL THIS AND WE WERE ONLY THERE 2 FULL DAYS. SHE LOVED IT, I'M EXHAUSTED! 

THANKS AGAIN FOR SUCH A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR CHRISTINA. SHE WILL BENEFIT AND REMEMBER THIS FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE.

SINCERELY,

*Donna Storts*

DONNA STORTS

6/29/04

Dear Peter,

Thank you for the opportunities that you allowed Frankie at your workshop. He still talks about the staff and teachers. I know it exceeded his expectations. He would be very interested in any time that you may have for personal training as well.

Enclosed is a little gift from us. I hope you enjoy... I know nothing about cigars!

Also... I am still waiting for reimbursement from the program book. My payment must not have

arrived soon enough  
for Frankie to be  
included.

Anyway!  
Have a great  
August workshop.  
Thanks again.

Frank, Kathy  
& Frankie  
Jennett

Subj: **Liza Giangrande**  
Date: 3/6/2008 2:26:31 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: dgjar  
To: PETERSKLAR@aol.com

Hi Peter,

I have some great news to share with you and certainly hope/expect that you would take some credit in! Liza has been selected for the Season IV cast of *Fetch! with Ruff Ruffman*. It is a national TV show produced and aired on PBS. It is produced by WGBH in Boston. It is a reality science show. Liza was one of 6 kids (3 girls, 3 boys) selected from 2,000 kids who auditioned! She is more than excited. They will film every weekend in June and 5 days a week throughout July and August.

They are scheduled to end filming on Friday, August 22nd. She is signed up to attend Beginnings the following week (I have Monday, 8/25-Monday, September 1 on my calendar—is that right??) on a work-scholarship. She definitely wants to come and the only problem would be if for some reason filming is not complete for the TV show. I am sure I would know by early-mid-August what the final filming date for Fetch would be. Does that work for you?

Let me know what you think and Liza and I BOTH thank you for helping give her what she needed—as a confident young lady, a natural actress and a huge comfort level in an audition—to help her succeed with this exciting first experience! I have attached a new headshot in case you would like to post her/this news/your role in her success on your website. I have also spoken to a number of prospective workshop attendee parents and highly recommended the Beginnings experience!!

All the best and THANK YOU, Peter!!!!  
Karen

Subj: **Workshop**  
Date: 11/27/2007 6:16:56 A.M. Eastern Standard Time  
From: dgjanc@L.net  
To: PETERSKLAR@aol.com

Hi Peter,

David and I wanted to thank you for another wonderful experience for Liza at the mini this past weekend. She had a fantastic time! I haven't gotten a lot of details from her because I was on a plane ready to depart for Spain when David picked her up. What I know so far is that: A) she learned a lot; B) had a "ton of fun" while learning a lot; C) made lots of great new friends; D) the food was not good but great; and E) she's more excited than ever to go back to Beginnings next summer!

I understand from David that I should give you a call when I return. I am back at home on Sunday evening and will plan to give you a call on Monday. I am looking forward to your assessment of Liza.

Thank you again, Peter, for offering Liza this wonderful opportunity. The structure and discipline of your program greatly appealed to me from the start along with the professional level of training you offer. Liza now fully understands that the professional acting realm is not a world of fun and games but a world that requires tremendous self-discipline, practice and ongoing training. We are sure that no matter what her future holds, these lessons and this training will prove invaluable.

Best regards and many thanks,  
Karen (and David too!)

**Subject:** Re: Workshop Staff  
**Date:** 9/3/2007 11:10:53 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** [dgia](mailto:dgia)  
**To:** [PETERSKLAR@aol.com](mailto:PETERSKLAR@aol.com)

*Sent from the Internet (Details)*

Hi Peter,

I just wanted to thank you for the incredible experience Liza had at Beginnings. She came out of the theatre Monday night exclaiming that it was "the best experience of her life." She connected with and responded to each of the staff members she came in contact with. She felt that the kids were all terrific and she made some of the "best friends ever," many of whom she hopes to keep in contact with. She was confident, excited and couldn't wait to get on stage in NY. I have always taught her that preparedness equals confidence and surely the staff helped her prepare to a level where her confidence was an absolute given.

She had never been away from home before and was comfortable and happy the entire time she was there. The experience certainly was everything you said it would be and exceeded Liza's expectations. Thank you for offering her this opportunity.

Best regards,  
Karen Giangrande

PS...The chocolate chip cookies at the dance were also a favorite!



Subj: **Morgan Gingerich**  
Date: 3/19/2008 9:40:28 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: [retirednr@earthlink.net](mailto:retirednr@earthlink.net)  
To: [PETERSKLAR@aol.com](mailto:PETERSKLAR@aol.com)

Hi Peter,

I am enclosing playbill from the show Morgan performed in with the Talent Machine. She performed in the opening and closing numbers as well as several other songs/dances. You would be very proud of her! She had to audition and she sang Over the Rainbow which she learned at your workshop. She also had to learn a dance routine. We had a lot of positive feedback and some of the older performers told her how good she was. She made it into the show and rehearsed from September until December. Eventually, they rehearsed on the actual stage for a week and performed 3 shows on the opening day. She loved the experience and wants to do more in the next show!

We have gone to see Talent Machine shows for several years, but it wasn't until Morgan went to your workshop that she actually wanted to audition for Holiday Magic. Now she can't wait for auditions for their summer show. We don't know what show they will be doing this year. Last year the younger performers did Hello Dolly and the older performers did Barnum.

Morgan also wanted to audition to do the national anthem at a Baysox baseball game. Unfortunately, something came up and she didn't get to audition, but she will next season! I can't believe the confidence she has in herself to actually want to go out in front of all those people and sing such a powerful song. We are so very proud of her!

Morgan's music/chorus teacher has recommended her for "chorus camp" this summer. Morgan had to audition but we haven't heard yet if she made it. I know this will be a really positive experience for her and help her learn more about her voice/singing range.

Your workshop has given her so much confidence. She has always wanted to perform, but now she is really doing something about it. I hope if she stays with the Talent Machine, she will eventually have a bigger role and maybe even a solo. Morgan still talks about her experiences with the workshop and how much it helped her. Morgan attended the August workshop this past summer.

I will have her contact you if she makes it into the next show!

Thank you for the opportunity she had by attending your workshop.

Joanne Gingerich  
Morgan's Nana

January 2007



Dear Peter,

We are writing to thank you for the Beginnings Workshop experience. Our ten-year-old son Sam had never been away from home for more than a sleepover at grandma's and, as a homeschooling family, we are very careful about whom we allow to teach, coach, direct and otherwise mentor our child. It was with more than a little trepidation that we put him on a plane to New York for a week. None of our fears (Sam flying across the country, leaving the airport with a stranger, severe homesickness, generally being overwhelmed, picked on by impatient teachers, neglected by immature chaperones or worse, etc.) were realized and Sam grew in ways we did not expect.

In addition to developing his performance skills, the workshop helped him mature as an individual. The instruction he received nourished his dreams, gave him a better understanding of what it will take to realize them, and gave him an awareness of the real value of his talents. Regardless of whether or not Sam fulfills his professional aspirations, what he learned at your workshop will continue to benefit him as a person and us a family. Thank you, thank you, thank you. He is already looking forward to his second summer!

Sam was already very active in our local musical theatre community – having performed ten roles before attending the Beginnings Workshop – but in the three performances he has been in this fall since his first summer with you he has shown a deepening of...abilities? confidence? stage presence? all of the above! In addition, he was offered the role of Fritz in the Nutcracker ballet (over 50 hours of rehearsal and nine shows in the historic downtown KIMO theatre, whew!) *Without* attending the audition we believe, in part, perhaps great part, due to the cachet of having attended your workshop. Since it had been a dream of his since he was about three years old, we are so grateful.

Very gratefully,

Liz Gardner and Dan Harris

JUDITH & ELDAD AMRANI

July 12, 2002

Mr. Peter Sklar  
153 Webster Avenue  
Harrison, NY 10528

RE: Natasha Kalisch

Dear Mr. Sklar:

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful experience our daughter Natasha had through attending the Beginnings workshop last month. Aside from her obvious enthusiasm and excitement, we have noticed a remarkable improvement in her self-confidence, commitment, and overall level of responsibility.

My husband and I were extremely impressed with the level of professionalism and thorough preparation that the children demonstrated during the showcase at Union Square Theater.

The experience you and your staff are offering is truly priceless, and I am certain that the professional and personal skills gained will last a lifetime.

Thanks again!

Best regards,

  
Judith Amrani  
JKA/tp

Peter Sklar  
"Beginnings"  
16 Second Ave.  
Pelham, NY 10803

Dear Peter:

Just a note of thanks for all of your efforts in making the August 'Beginnings' Workshop such a positive and safe experience for Jenna.

From the moment we saw her perform her monologue (which was a wonderful experience), we knew that she had grown in self confidence. She seemed older, more self assured. I believed in her ability to have a great experience at 'Beginnings' or we never would have allowed her to go. But even I was blown away by the poise and self assuredness she exhibited on stage. I had to remind myself that she's just 11-years-old.

The maturity and poise we witnessed at the Orpheum continued as she greeted us at the airport, and as she quickly fell into the back-to-school demands at home. She had missed the first day of school, so had little time to adjust before going back. In the past, that may have caused her some distress. Instead, what we saw was a 7th grader very comfortable with her first-day-of-school situation. We joked about how facing middle school isn't so tough after you've performed "Off-Broadway!" It was obvious that her experiences have helped her to grow in tremendously in self confidence. She's more polished, more in charge of her life.

As we boarded our plane, Jenna quickly shared many wonderful things about the workshop. Her enthusiasm was contagious! And she made it QUITE clear that she would love to attend again next year. When asked what she felt she had most gained from the experience, she took a moment to think through her answer before saying "increased self confidence."

And she loved the beautiful workshop setting. Because she loves to ride horses, she was especially taken with the horses grazing outside her cabin. Talk about an atmosphere conducive to creativity!!

In all honesty, I have had people marvel at the fact that we would send our 11-year-old on such an adventure. "She's so young!" they often say. My answer to them (in addition to telling them how thoroughly we checked out this opportunity) continues to be "We felt it was an incredible opportunity for Jenna. And we knew she could handle it." And that is exactly what she did. We are very proud of her.

How often we use our own fears to limit our children. I was determined not to do this as we made an intelligent and educated decision about her participation in this workshop. She proved to us that we all made the right decision. And once we had thoroughly checked everything out and discussed everything in great detail, the decision to attend was hers.

As a mom who strongly believes in her child's gifts and abilities, I was still very nervous as I watched my baby board that plane (although I put on a great outer performance!). So you see, the wonderful gifts gained from the workshop belong to me as well. By allowing Jenna the opportunity to grow-- by letting her go in every sense of the work, I gained increased self confidence too. Not only by taking on the demands of preparing for this (the paperwork, the necessary workshop items, the financial commitment, etc), but by making the tougher psychological decision of trusting in her (and others!) enough to let her go.

By trusting in my own gut decision that this was a great chance for her to grow in so many healthy ways, by believing it to be an experience that could last her a life time, my own good decision making ability was reinforced. And when we first embraced after eight days apart and she told me what a great time she'd had, I said a loud, "Yes!" It was what I had hoped and believed it would be. I was happy and proud for both of us.

We didn't send Jenna to 'Beginnings' to have her be 'discovered' or to become a star. We sent her there for an exciting life experience, one that would also help her grow in self confidence and self esteem, and in an environment that we felt would help facilitate a belief in following her life dreams, whatever they may be.

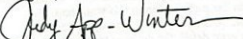
We also wanted her to have the experience of meeting kids from all over the country. And we hoped she would have fun, which she certainly did! As someone involved in the creative arts, I wish I could have had such an experience when I was her age!!

I could continue on, Peter, but I know you get the gist of what I'm telling you. A lengthy letter? Perhaps. But I felt it a necessary and appropriate ending to this workshop experience. I believe that when someone impacts your life for the better, they deserved to be acknowledged and thanked.

So thank you, Peter Sklar, for an experience that I don't think either of us will ever forget. Our family very much appreciates all the time, effort and people that has gone into making this a very productive and safe workshop experience for our child and others like her.

In closing, we wish you success with your own future projects and workshops.

Regards,

  
Judy App-Whiter

Dear Peter,

It's hard to believe that already almost six months have gone by since Molly experienced her first **beginnings** workshop in June. We have had ample time since then to reflect on this experience from both a participant's and a parent's point of view, and can recommend it to others considering the venture, without reservation.


Our 12-year-old daughter Molly has been involved in acting since she was 7. The prospect of spending ten days immersed in all aspects of her primary interest was most inviting. The immediate appeal to me as a parent was the obvious attention of the workshop given to supervision. Molly had never spent more than a weekend away from home, and that was with relatives. We were comforted by the strict provisions laid out in the Agreement, as they were so obviously geared to the safety of each individual child. I must admit, it was difficult to accept not being able to communicate with her, other than by letter, during this time. But given the magnitude of the workshop, each day scheduled almost down to the minute, I could understand why this provision was considered necessary. Upon our reunion with Molly after the impressive showcase, we were reaffirmed in our decision to let her go.

While Molly did indeed learn quite a bit from her teachers and acting coach (not to mention you, Peter!), she was most impressed by the friendships she made with kids her age from all over the country. She couldn't wait to write to seven or eight of them as soon as we returned home to relive her experience at **beginnings** and to continue her relationships with her new-found friends. Nothing about the workshop was disappointing. Every detail of our expectations, from the quaint lodgings in the mountains to the feedback from the casting directors, was fulfilled. Above all, our feelings that Molly would be well-cared for were confirmed.

As you know, we took your advice and Molly spent almost six weeks of the summer following the workshop in New York. The two of us really enjoyed our time together for three of those weeks and would have been satisfied for that adventure alone. The fact that she actually did a national commercial after you introduced her to her manager was beyond our hopes and expectations. She was able to float back down to earth (Richmond) in time for school with all kinds of healthy new confidence. She has signed on to a local talent agency and looks forward to working with them. We have you to thank for opening these doors for Molly.

I would be more than happy to speak on your behalf to any parent of a child considering **beginnings**.

Sincerely,



Jan Beilhart

Virginia

Mr. & Mrs. John C. Sakaris  
3631 Sweetbriar  
Texas

Mr. Peter Sklar  
16 Second Avenue  
Pelham, New York 10803

Dear Mr. Sklar:

When I first found out that you had chosen our nine-year-old son, James, to attend your *Beginnings* workshop, I thought there was no possible way we would ever send our only child so far away from home by himself.

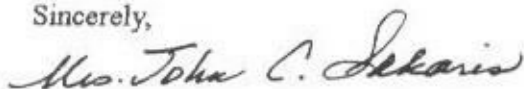
But he begged to go. James had not had any exposure to acting prior to the first meeting with you but had always expressed the desire to act. After James was chosen to attend the workshop, my husband and I did everything we could think of to "check out" your organization. Then, we learned that everyone we talked with (both professional and personal) couldn't say enough good things about you or the workshop. So, we made the decision to let him go to the winter workshop.

He has always been an honor roll student in school, but some of his "A's" were borderline. His report card since attending *Beginnings* has shown a lot of improvement as he brought all of his grades up to "high A's" instead of borderline. His teachers in school have commented that he is much more attentive and focused. He will be giving a report to the students in his "Pod" (five classrooms) on his experience at *Beginnings*.

James came to you a mature nine-year-old and came back to us a poised, self-assured young man who no longer "likes" candy and *will* eat lettuce.

Thanks Peter!

Sincerely,



Mrs. John C. Sakaris

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Thomson

Mr. Peter Sklar  
16 Second Ave.  
Pelham, NY 10803

July 9, 2001

Dear Peter,

I would like to thank you and your staff for time taken during your June 2001 workshop to allow Sandie, Katie and I to visit and observe. Everyone from students to staff was truly happy to be there. The singers after lunch were impressive!

We were able to watch an acting and dance class for students near Kate's age. In the acting class the students were an active part of the learning process. They decided what country and what subject the improvisation was about. This made them important, and you could see that they appreciated that fact. We were asked and did join in for a part of the class and were instantly made to feel welcome. We then moved on to the dance class. We found the same type of student involvement in the learning process. The students were able to make choices about what dance steps that fit best with music chosen by the instructor. The instructor then worked with them on timing and spacing. It was truly exciting to watch their energy and concentration.

I would like to especially thank your head chaperone Kevin Kolack for taking us to the two different classes that we sat in on. You could see that all the students really liked him.

I know this will be a wonderful experience for Katie.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Thomson".

Jeff Thomson

Kelly C Bowers

July 2, 2003

Mr. Peter Sklar  
153 Webster Avenue  
Harrison, New York 10528

Dear Peter;

My daughter, Fallon, attended the June workshop this year and thoroughly enjoyed it. It's been almost three weeks since she's come home and she still talks about her classes and her new friends. She especially enjoyed the singing session with Lawrence E. Street. She commented, "Mom, I didn't know I could sing." She also loved the Play Write Within class. I especially noticed a huge change in her level of self-confidence and didn't even have to ask her to perform her monologue for her father and me. She volunteered, which is something she never does.

Thank you for inviting her to your beginnings workshop and providing a great experience for her.

For future correspondence, please note our new address: [REDACTED] TN 38028.

Sincerely,

  
Kelly C. Bowers



**KRISTIE J. ZAHN**

September 25, 2002

Peter Sklar  
Beginnings Workshop  
153 Webster Avenue  
Harrison, NY 10528

Dear Peter:

To say that my husband and I are delighted with the many benefits our daughter has enjoyed as a result of her Beginnings Workshop experience is truly an understatement. I am so grateful that I wanted to share my appreciation with you in this letter and encourage any parents who have concern about the workshop, to please call me with their questions.


Anna has taken dance lessons for many years, and her technique, I'm told, is quite good. With the coaching she received at the Beginnings Workshop, she is now able to combine her dancing skills with a strong stage presence, characterization, and self confidence. Her teachers have all commented on her enhanced performance as a dancer.

Further, Anna's no long the "junk food junkie" she was prior to her visit. She has a new found respect for her body and what food she puts in it. Being an adolescent girl, its a valuable life lesson to love who you are, changes, braces, and all.

Peter, I admit I was a bit skeptical as I prepared my daughter for her adventure in New York. I am pleased to say that you have exceeded every expectation. A thank you seems insufficient for all you have given me, my daughter and our family.

Please be assured that you have my on going support and gratitude. God bless you and your "Beginnings Family".

Warmly,



Kristie Zahn

Ashley Hayden (8 years old)  
Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Lisa Hayden  
26 Holly Hill Dr.  
Southington, CT 06489

Dear Peter,

Thank-you for inviting Ashley to "Beginnings." It certainly was the best thing to happen to her. I did get some discouragement from others. One mom even had her daughter picked but didn't send her. She really discouraged me with her remarks about Ashley.

How-ever Ashley did attend. She certainly showed a lot of courage for an eight year old. I didn't think she would make it. Every day that passed by was a surprise. Then she went on stage. She did it! It has given her an unshakable gift of self-confidence. She went into a new school, two days late and made it with excitement in her eyes. She even asked other children for their names and addresses. She has gotten a solo in a

musical and for a girl who never "acted" before, she was bumped up into a "Youth Company" acting group. She looks forward to seeing you in June. She wants to move to N.Y.C. I would highly recommend "Beginnings" to anyone. The amount of discipline, self-confidence, and the new outlook on life with excitement was worth its weight in gold.

A special thanks to you Peter for your encouragement to all the new-comers in this business. I thank-you for all of the documents that you sent to us to read. Best of Luck to you and your staff. We shall see you in June.

Sincerely  
Mrs. Hayden

Melanie Mah  
Pembroke Mass.

PREPARED BY M.M.

Dear Mr. Sklar,

I am writing to thank you for all your help and to tell you some great news! Keith has just recently been "signed" by the Cameo agency of Boston Mass.

We couldn't have done it without your help and Beginnings program. The director of the agency was quite impressed with Keith's talent and training. So much so, she interviewed him for an hour. She was very interested to learn where Keith was trained, and we told her all about your Beginnings workshop which Keith had attended in August. Your program is the greatest! I highly recommend it for anyone who is serious about acting. No where else can you learn so much in so little time. Before your workshop Keith had no experience, now he is working with people who have studied acting for 4 or 5 years or more! Many thanks.

Sincerely

Melanie Mah

Subj: **Thanks for a great workshop**  
Date: 6/28/2004 4:22:32 PM Eastern Standard Time  
From: [Lp.](#)  
To: [PETERSKLAR](#)

Hi Peter,

Thanks to you and to all your staff and volunteers for the June workshop. My daughter Victoria had a wonderful time.

Thanks again,

Leann Hudson

Dear Peter:

Enclosed is your fee for follow-up consultation and also some new composites of Heather. She really enjoyed "Beginnings" and if I can afford it I will let her go back in the summer.

The first thing she said when she got off the plane was that she wanted to go back. (It made me feel like she didn't really miss me!) Although she claims she did, it would be 100% easier to send her back a second time than it was the first. I'm just glad I chose to let her go. All I can say is you must be doing something right in order to make <sup>8 yr. old</sup> kids who have never been away from home not get homesick. I would recommend your program to anyone. Thank you.

Sincerely  
Nancy Schwartz

Subj: **Nicole**  
Date: 9/5/2007 10:29:53 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
From: OI  
To: PETERSKLAR

Hi Peter,

I just want you to know that my daughter had a fantastic time at the august workshop, she was bursting at the seams with excitement after the showcase and could not stop talking about her week until 2:00am that Monday night. Everything from Tofu to Alpacas. She loved her coaches/teachers, especially the modern dancing and Tai chi which she has never done.

Thank you for putting her in a cabin with her 2 friends and she mentioned to me that she was going to do a monologue with the word "damn" in it and she didn't feel comfortable saying that word so you let her change it, she thought alot of you. I just wanted to Thank you for her because she went into this workshop with a positive attitude saying "I am going to have a blast" and she came out saying "I had a blast Mom" and that's what I was hoping for.

Karla (Nicole)

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Email and AIM finally together. You've gotta check out free [AOL Mail!](#)

Thursday, September 06, 2007 AOL: PETERSKLAR

Patricia J. Arnold

Glendale Heights, IL 60139

Mr. Peter Sklar  
16 Second Avenue  
Pelham, NY 10803

Dear Peter:

Although it has been some six months since my daughter, Jenny, attending "Beginnings", I did want to write to thank you for selecting her and to tell you what a good time she had and how much your program has done for her.

I would have to admit that it was hard to send Jenny away for the two weeks that she was at "Beginnings" as we had never gone for that long a period without any contact before. I believe that her being away ended up being harder on me than on her.

Jenny returned home a much more self-assured child. She enjoyed all of her classes and met many new friends whom she still keeps in contact with. We also certainly enjoyed the magic tricks she learned!

Although Jenny has not been on too many auditions since attending your program, when she has had to audition, she has more confidence. One particular time, she was auditioning for a local play. As various kids came out of the audition, you could tell that many of them were a little shaken by the experience. Jenny came out and commented that it was scary, but that at "Beginnings" she had been taught how to handle a "cold" reading and felt that she had done alright. I know that this is a very small example, but I felt that it was an experience where I could see for myself that your program had helped her. She also takes acting lessons at the dance studio she attends and the acting teacher has also commented that she has handled herself well in some difficult readings.

I also would like to comment that the video tape that you made of the time that the children attend "Beginnings" is wonderful. Jenny, of course, enjoyed reliving the good times she had and seeing all of the kids again. It was also nice for us to see for ourselves some of what went on during the time she was away. She has watched the tape many times and with other friends who attended your program, and they all have many great memories.

Hopefully, Jenny will attend another "Beginnings" sessions soon.

Very truly yours,



August 2, 1999

Mr. Peter Sklar, Director  
Beginnings Workshop  
16 Second Avenue  
Pelham NY 10803

Dear Mr. Sklar:

I would like to extend my thanks to you and your staff for the wonderful experience my son, Reid Kendall, had during the June session of Beginnings. He is still talking about the classes, people he met, and the great opportunities he had to work with some of the best coaches and teachers in the business.

Enclosed please find a news article from the *Dayton Daily News* highlighting Reid and JoElyn Eppley's attendance at Beginnings. Thought you might like a sample copy.

Reid just finished "Godspell" with a local community theater and is looking forward to the part of Joseph in "*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*" with the Richmond, Indiana, Theater as well as high school drama this fall.

Thank you for the encouragement from all involved with Beginnings. He continues to learn, learn, learn, and . . . . who knows what might happen!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. Blouch". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Patricia A. Blouch

Englewood OH 45322



Peter Sklar  
16 Second Avenue  
Pelham, New York 10803

Dear Peter,

It has been only a few weeks since our Granddaughter, Heather, attended your workshop, and already the experience she had is apparent. The week after we returned to California Heather competed in a dance competition, performing seven dances. After the competition, several people came up to me and commented on the subtle difference in her performance. She had more self confidence and really opened up and let the audience share her love of dance. The judges must have agreed as she took 3 first places, 3 second places, and one 3rd place.

Due to your invitation to have Heather attend your workshop, her Grandfather and I came to realize that we are raising a very special, talented young lady. Our experience with you and your outstanding workshop motivated us to make application for Heather to attend a FAME school. As you know, via Heather's phone call, she was accepted.

Heather is presently attending "College for Kids" at our local Junior College and taking a comedy class. She absolutely loves it!

Heather's experience at the workshop seems to have opened a door, which up to now had been half closed, and given her permission to share with the world her love of performing. She is eager to learn and wants to take more instruction.

Needless to say, the time Heather spent with you in your home, after the workshop, was very special to her. Your ability to "tune in" to the inner most essence of Heather, and recognize her special needs, is truly a God given talent. What you gave her is a very precious gift! She frequently comment, "I am special!".

When our hectic summer schedule calms down, we plan to look into obtaining an agent for Heather. In the meantime, she is

eagerly learning all she can to improve her talents.

We look forward to keeping in touch with you and attending another workshop next year. God Bless you for the wonderful work you are doing.

Affectionately,

*Phyllis Fellman*

Phyllis Fellman  
1745 Poinciana Dr.  
El Cajon, CA 92021

To parents considering their child's attending the workshop: Check it out, I guarantee you will receive only positive feedback. Feel free to give me a call, I would be happy to talk with you.

Hi Peter!  
I Miss you!  
"Break a leg"  
with your musical  
"The Kid Who Played the Palace"  
Hope to see you next year.  
Come to EL Cajon soon!  
Heather Fellman  
Age 10 😊

*Dr. Ralph and Lindsay Bashoum*

MN

July 8, 1998

Dear Peter,

What a wonderful experience "beginnings" was for Ashley and Josh! The anxiety of a cancelled flight and late arrival quickly dissolved upon meeting the chaperone waiting at the gate as promised. The excitement and challenge of the 11-day workshop was a topic of many family discussions these past two weeks. We wish to thank you and your staff for their dedication and extraordinary effort. Ashley and Josh felt safe and secure, ready to exercise their creativity. They had a great time and enjoyed working with their instructors. You have provided our children with a unique opportunity to explore their craft in a nurturing, yet challenging environment. "Beginnings" has encouraged their interest and passion for acting. It has also given them new tools to grow and have confidence in their work.

As parents, it was not an easy decision to entrust our children to you. It was, however, quite evident that you have invested considerable time, effort and care in designing your workshop. We applaud your dedication to the health and safety of our children. Thank you for inviting Josh and Ashley to participate your workshop. It was a terrific opportunity for them. They especially enjoyed presenting their monologues at the showcase. We were proud to share a moment that represented all the hard work of the past days. The showcase was a testament to the joy you had in your eyes as each child took the stage! You seemed as excited as the rest of us waiting patiently in the audience.

In closing, one final reflection. While gathering up the kids after the showcase, Josh had a telling reaction. He remarked that it was difficult to walk down the stairs of the theater when his name was called. Perhaps he was anxious to see us? No, he hated to leave! Ashley nodded through her tears, "it was so fun—can we come back next time", she said! They wouldn't budge from the curb of the theater until we agreed that they could return. Kids don't sugar coat their opinions. Please accept this heartfelt praise with our sincere thanks.

Warm regards,

*Lindsay & Ralph Bashoum*

*P.S. Please save them a spot for next time!*

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**NOTE:** Ashley can now be seen most weekday afternoons in her featured role on CBS TV's "The Young and the Restless". She booked this series shortly after attending the Beginnings workshop in June, 1998.

Subj: **Mini-Workshop**  
Date: 7/6/2004 10:50:57 PM Eastern Standard Time  
From: @charter.net  
To: PETERSKLAR@aol.com

Dear Peter,

Kelsey (Buss) has expressed an interest in attending one of your mini workshops. However, the only session that would work for our schedule is August 2nd thru August 8th. This session may already be full, but if it is not, please let me know the following:

We are curious as to whether or not we would be able to get a round trip flight from Omaha to Newark, Newark to Omaha. (Not only is this more economical, but it is a direct flight). Do you prefer the travel dates to be on the 2nd and the 8th or would you prefer arrive earlier, depart later?

I can fax to you the registration form and wire the money to the bank of your choice as soon as I hear from you. She had a great time at the workshop and is very excited for the opportunity to return. Please let me know at your earliest convenience. Thank you. Suzanne Buss

Peter Sklar  
18 Second Avenue  
Pelham, New York 10803

Dear Peter:

I am writing to you on behalf of myself and my 12 year old daughter, Alissa Bartozzi. Alissa attended the  Beginnings Session.

First let me say that I was more homesick for her than she was for me!

Alissa grew over that nine days -- I noticed it immediately by her performance at the theater. The train ride home and events that occurred that I'm still hearing about were all positive, rewarding and nurturing experiences. Her attitude towards others is more caring; and she keeps in contact with her new friends all across the country.

As you know, Alissa truly enjoyed all the staff and the training she received and continues to implement all the information that was given to her.

Peter, I wholeheartedly believe that those nine days spent with you have changed my daughter. She is more focused and ready to go after her dream.

My deepest thanks for the work your staff did and for the work you are currently doing with her as well.

Sincerely,



Stacy Eagan

Mr. Peter Sklar  
16 Second Ave.  
Pelham, NY 10803

Dear Peter:

My husband and I want to thank you for the wonderful experience that you made possible for our daughter, Ashley. Prior to accepting your generous invitation for our eleven year old to attend Beginnings, we made telephone calls to parents who had previously sent their children to your workshop. The recommendations we received left no doubt in our minds that your unique workshop is designed to promote their artistic and intellectual growth, while keeping their safety and welfare as a priority. This was reiterated when we received your agreement containing the rules, regulations and items needed for the workshop. In the agreement, you addressed every possible point of concern. This gave us a sense of security knowing that our only child would be in capable and caring hands.

Your extended invitation for Ashley to stay on in your home for several weeks afterwards has had a very positive impact in her life. The instruction she received, and the opportunity to socialize with other children sharing her same artistic interests both had a very favorable influence on her personality. These are benefits that she will reap for years to come, and for all of this, we thank you and Beginnings.

Now, a brief update to share with you what Ashley has been up to since returning from N.Y. A local agent has agreed to take her on, and her pictures with the multiple head shots have been completed along with her resume (thanks for the sample). She has appeared in the local newspaper on weekly 1/4 page advertisements. She is also featured in a local billboard advertisement. On her try-out for a small musical she got the lead role (which she had to decline due to a previously scheduled engagement). She is also a lot more organized, independent, and shows a maturity regarding rules that she did not have before the workshop. She wanted to make sure we told you hello on her behalf, and that she is writing you a letter this week.

Peter, thank you so very much for the wonderful experience. Please feel free to use us as a reference if you wish.

Sincerely,

  
Sam and Martha Lucchese



Mr. Peter Sklar  
16 Second Ave.  
Pelham, New York 10803

Dear Peter:

I was very pleased to have Alessandra attend your last workshop and to myself attend as an infirmiry nurse.

Alessandra enjoyed the workshop and would like to return. It seems to have made a positive impact on her. I noticed right away when she went to auditions after the workshop that she seemed more confidant and she has been getting selected more consistently when she auditions.

She really loves doing the magic tricks learned there. She still practices her monologue, and she particularly enjoyed the musical theater with Paul Sklar. I don't know if you remember that I was worried that she wouldn't eat since she is a very picky eater. You were very confidant that she would. You were right and now she even eats some vegetables. She thought the food was pretty good.

She thought her coaches and chaperones were great. She also thinks you, Peter, are wonderful with kids and says all good things about you and the workshop.

Personally, I felt that it was a safe, healthy environment for kids. It seemed to me that there was a big focus on healthy living, and "life-skills", things that help you be a success.

While we were very busy in the infirmiry, I enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to see firsthand some of the workshop. I would consider doing it again if you are ever in need of an infirmiry nurse and it can be fit into my work schedule.

I also wanted to say that I was very impressed with Debra Baron's coaching skills. I observed her coaching a few kids in the infirmiry and felt that it was high quality instruction. She had a very encouraging, nonthreatening approach and was able to dramatically improve each person's monologue with about 15 minutes.

You are welcome to use me as a reference if you wish. I would enthusiastically support the workshop. Also, if any future infirmiry nurses want to contact me, I would be happy to give them ideas about how to make the experience smoother for them.

Sincerely,

*Sandra Martinelli*

Sandra Martinelli

September 1, 2004

Peter Sklar  
68-A Croton Dam Rd.  
Ossining, NY 10562

Dear Peter,

Thank you for inviting our daughter, Amanda Magistad, to the August Beginnings workshop. She hasn't stopped talking about it and her teachers at school said she was just glowing today. She has showed us her dance steps, sang us songs, and continuously praises her acting coach David Pendleton.

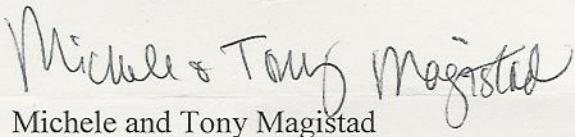
I must admit that we were hesitant about sending our 10-year-old daughter, who had never been away from home and didn't know anyone, to New York. But we are so glad that we did. It was such a positive experience for her, both professionally and personally.

We were so proud of her Broadway showcase performance and the monologue was a perfect fit for her personality. Thank you for developing such a great program for young people; it's an opportunity of a lifetime.

Amanda would like to attend the workshop next year so please forward information when it is available.

In addition, I would like to order a DVD of the workshop and have enclosed a check for \$79.95.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele & Tony Magistad". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

Michele and Tony Magistad

**Subject:** RE: winston w. wright  
**Date:** 8/29/2007 10:04:04 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** js\_ \_ast.net  
**To:** [PETERSKLAR@aol.com](mailto:PETERSKLAR@aol.com)

*Sent from the Internet (Details)*

Peter,

I just wanted to thank you for the wonderful experience that Winston has shared with us, it is a life long memory that he will always carry with him. He is most definitely ready to do more, so please keep us in the communication loop. We have noticed his growth both spiritually and physically from this experience, by what he is asking for in terms of food to eat, and his reflections, which we have always had as a family, but we see more of an appreciation for this after his return for the workshop. Feel free to contact me anytime with information or questions about him.

Peace.