

Subj: **Hi, This is Aryn Almasi from a couple years ago.**
Date: 12/29/2006 6:36:37 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
From: tapr
To: peterskiar@aol.com

Hi Peter,

I was just wondering if there was a way I could make a late payment to go to Beginnings. Back in September, my family didn't have the money to send me, now, I have over \$520.00 to go (brought up all by myself) and my parents can pay the rest. Part of the money I made myself making scarves and belts for friends and saving allowance...it's a record for me. If I see something I like, my mom tells me I have enough money to buy it and I tell her "No, that money is for Beginnings and only Beginnings. Basically what I'm trying to tell you is that I had a magnificent experience last time I was there and really want to go again. So can you please send an e-mail back to me as soon as possible letting me know your answer?

Thanks,
Aryn Almasi

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Subj: **hello**
Date: 6/30/2004 7:13:45 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Star ~~xxxxxx~~.com
To: petersklar@aol.com

Dear Peter,

Long time no see! I just got back from a cruise from the Bahamas with my dance studio. I danced on the cruise ship. The cruise was a lot of fun. I snorkeled with the stingrays and I got to feed them. I really want to go back to Beginnings Workshop. When I was there, I know that there were a lot of great memories to remember. I stayed in New York City for a couple of days and I saw Beauty and the Beast. It was a really good play. I wanted to stay in the city and do a play. I still eat most of your food that you gave us. My mom bought me some of those corn flakes yesterday and rice milk. They had soymilk on the cruise ship. I loved the class with David Pendleton, it's my favorite. I want to stay in contact with you. So please email me at Starbella@cfl.rr.com. Please tell the assistants and the cafeteria workers that I thank them for all of the food everyday. What should I do now about my future?

p.s. I loved your workshop and all of your jokes. What do you call a toy car that has been on the stove for two hours? A hot rod. Ha-ha.

Love, Bella

Dear Peter,

How are you? My family and I are doing fine. We just went through Hurricane Ivan last week and are still without power. It sure has been hard dealing with no lights, cold showers and no air conditioning. I guess we are living life like the pilgrims. Well I just wanted to say hi and to thank you for letting my parents send you my workshop money in a little later. Dad said he will try to send it next month. I am really excited about going back to the workshop. Take care and write me back some time, → over

July 7, 2005

Hi Peter,

How are you? I'm fine. I can't believe it's been a month since I went to the workshop! I just wanted to tell you what a great time I had this year at the workshop. I learned a lot of things and made great friends. It was just as good as last year's workshop. I can't wait till another one! I hope when I'm older I can go to one of your England workshops if you invite me. That would be cool. Well I guess I'm gonna let you go for now. Thanks for a great time!

Your friend,
Brandon Patterson

Tuesday, June 23, 1999

Dear Mr. Sklar,

I had a great time at the Workshop! I recommend this workshop for all kids. It was the experience of my life. I have changed my diet, and I feel great. I always think back on this, and, I feel like I am someone. I never got homesick, because I was having way too much fun! The Workshop gave me a new me, and I will never forget the best 10 days of my life!

LOVE,

CHELSEA PRICE

July 9, 2003

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

Dear Peter,

I had a great time at the "workshop," in June 8-16, 2003.

I have learned so many things from that experience that I will never forget!

Some people didn't like the food,
But I thought it was great. I might call you for the recipes.

You & Kevin kept me laughing the whole time especially; Kevin's puppet; anyway I loved it! I want to go back again and again.
So, I wish everybody luck for when their time comes.

Donna

Thank you,
Donna Quinlan
8 years old, from Texas

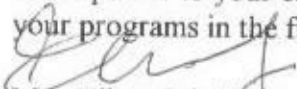
To: Peter Sklar

Stephanie Frishberg started with your beginnings when she was 6 years old. I was very scared to let her go since, I do not allow sleepovers. I am really open for her to experience any available self-discovery concept, the very creative way I have no limit for that. I do believe your beginnings has that merit.

Thank you for touching Stephanie's life, she changed into a well developed person. I look forward to all the challenges you can open doors for Stephanie.

I hope parents will realize how valuable your beginning is. It is a privilege for a child to have this exposure.

More power to your creative personality. Please always include Stephanie with your programs in the future.



Mrs. Elisea Frishberg

7-19-02

Dear Peter,

Thankyou for invitting me to Be ginnings Workshop, I had a wonderful time. I enjoyed my classes so much. It is very hard to choose my favorite class, but I think I would choose Elis class "CHOICES". I learned in that class, that if you make the right choices for your character, your acting and your character will be 100 times better. Thankyou for inviting me to your cabin to work with you. That is a very fun exercise. Thankyou so much Peter for inviting me to your house. I had so much fun. Tell Don, Ren, Vito, Angie and all the other girls hello for me. Peter you have been so nice and caring to me. Thankyou so much again. I hope to see you soon.

LOVE,

Jordana Bennett

P.S, I went to the Independent movie awditiopn. The Director said I did very good. I will contact you if I make it.

LOVE,

Jordana Bennett ☺

Dear Peter,

Thank-you for inviting me
to Beginnings. Even though
I was homesick I had a
WONDERFUL time. I'm am
thinking about coming back.
Thank-you SO much.

Joel
Winston

9/01
(After WTC)

Dear Peter

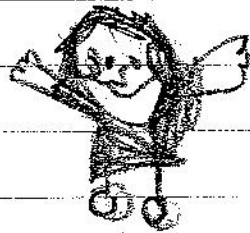
I'm really glad you're ok.
I miss you a lot.

I'm really, really happy I'm coming
back. Oh, & if you were wondering
how I'm doing, I'm doing just
fine. My Mom's ok. My Dad's ok.
And I'm ok. Oh, and Peter

I LOVE YOU!
& I'm drinking all my

Mom's & Dad's rice milk!

Your friend & student
Love Katie



7/7/04

* Dear P-dawg or P-tizzle*

I had fun at your workshop. The tofu wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. I had 4 favorite things to eat. They were tuna fish sandwiches, grilled cheese sandwiches, tofu tacos, and chicken.

I was in the 6-9 classes. My favorite classes were moment to moment and audition technique.

On Saturday when I had to pack in sixth period I was the first one done out of cabin g-2. When I was done I started to help Katie put tags on our luggage.

I had fun at the showcase. I was a little nervous at first but I always am before I go on stage to dance. Then when I get out there I start having fun.

I will not fib, I did miss my family but I had a great time learning new stuff there. I met a lot of new friends that were funny and made me laugh with their jokes.



You on the other hand, need to practice your jokes to make them funny. Anyways now that I'm home I miss everyone that I met there. I have pictures of my friends in the cabin. Everyone in the cabin was nice and we all got along fast.

I will be 10 in March and I'm wondering if you would consider me for one of your mini-workshops. I know Michaela S. and she said it was fun.

I know you are busy but if you get a chance can you please write back to me.

Raquel Finello
53 Harwinton Ave. (age 9)

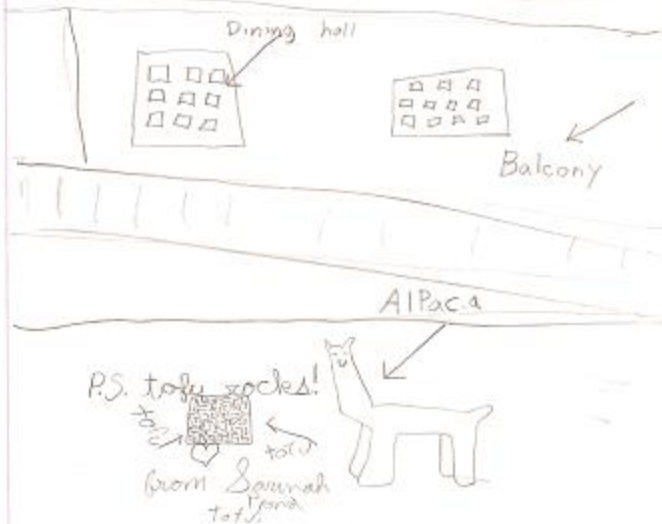
Sincerely,
Raquel F.

Unit #1

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96-7294

Dear Mr. Sklar,
Thank you for letting me come to the
beginnings workshop. I like it there.
I want to come back. Will I be staying
in the same cabin? ~~6-21-11~~ is where I
stayed. I was an August student.
my coaches were: Lucia, Neil,
Takisha, David, Arnold, Margiote



9/23/05

Kindermarie

Dear Peter Sklar,

I very much enjoyed your workshop. I learned many techniques on how to become an actor, how to be an actor, and how to prepare to go on stage. All of the classes were fun, including coaching. The Master Classes were unique and interesting, each one was something completely different so you didn't learn the same thing. I liked the environment where we were staying because it has a lot of grass.

Also, the cabins were better than I expected. The food in my opinion was tremendously good. There wasn't one thing I didn't like. I appreciate being accepted to your wonderful workshop.

Sincerely,
Kindermarie Williams

P.S. Can't wait to come back in June!

Dear Peter,

Thank you for inviting me to the workshop. I had a blast! I did not like the food but it was healthy for me. I know my mind was just playing tricks on me! I liked moment to moment with marrison, she was fun. The 60's dance was really fun and the camp fire. I want to come again and again!

Sincerely
Amanda

Magistad
10 yrs.

Subj: **Re: Blast from the past...**
Date: 10/22/2007 3:56:39 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: PETERSKLAR
To: anr @edu

Alli, just give me a call before you come and we'll set up a little career chat. (914) 923-4239.

Don't worry- no charge. 🎵 -P

In a message dated 10/22/2007 1:59:13 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, anmiller@bsu.edu writes:

Hello Peter,

I am not sure if you will remember me, you actually might remember my dad better. My name is Allison (go by Alli now) and I attended your workshop in New York when I was in fifth grade...1996 i think? I loved it and wanted every year to return but the lack of money in my family did not allow me to. I remember contacting you and you contacting my father and we were all sad that I couldn't return.

Anyways...I have continued my love of theatre and I am currently a senior Musical Theatre Major at B... University in Indiana. I am planning on coming to New York, and I'm not sure what I am asking other than you taught me so much when I was so young and I adored you I just wanted to get back in contact with you. What is new? How are the workshops? Just drop me a line sometime...

Alli

Alli
B... University
Musical Theatre Option
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Marlow Moore (11 years old)
Mr. and Mrs. Emmett and Carolyn Moore
1131 Gillespie Place
Austin, TX 78704

Dear Peter,

I can't start to tell what a glorious experience your workshop was. The instructors were greatly helpful on my acting skills. Eli Coats helped me to play different characters by finding an animal that related to it and putting characteristics from the animal into the character. Roger Scruggs helped me with my improvisation by telling us never to say no in an improvisation and by teaching us focusing games and an acting freeze-tag. Ross Tatum helped me to explore and my way through status's from an ace to a king. Reggan Holland helped me to relieve my stress and push it out of my body. She also helped me to express my thoughts and feelings through movement of my body. Jonathan Becker helped me with my movement and voice during scenes. My coach Larry Rosen was extraordinary! He offered me different ways to use my voice during my monologue. Although there weren't enough periods for me to have experienced all of the classes of which the instructors taught I still long to.

Amazingly enough it wasn't just the instructors who incredible it was also the chaperones! I was recently in G3 (11 years old) and my chaperones were Kelly Rogers and Carmelita Izaguirre. Any questions I had they knew the answers right then and if they didn't they were determined to find them out. Sometimes they acted insane like us but when things got out of hand they were very responsible and got everything under control. They were always cheerful and lots of fun to be around with.

The scenery was beautiful! Although we were always busy we had enough time to enjoy the outdoors. The Beginnings workshop is in the absolute perfect spot! The all around quality of the workshop was unbelievable! The meals were always eatable. I would be honored to go back atleast once. But I would love to go back for many years to come. The end of the workshop speeches drew tears to many students' eyes and almost mine (I held them back). This experienæ was the best of my life! Thankyou *very very very very* much!

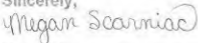
Sincerely,

Marlow Moore

Peter Sklar
16 Second Avenue
Pelham, New York
10803

Dear Peter Sklar,

I did not get a chance to thank you for inviting me to the workshop. I really had a great time and I feel that I have grown up some. Myself and the others from my dance studio learned a lot from this experience. The instructors that we had were the best people I have ever met, and the best teachers I've ever had. This is a great thing what you are doing and I hope continue doing it. I like you a lot you were so nice to me. Many people complained about the food but I liked it. It will keep you healthy and so you don't get as big as a house. The showcase was wonderful everybody did a great job. My friends that I met there were nice and my chaperones were very nice people too. I cried when I left and would gladly come back again if I weren't so busy. Thank You for inviting me and have a nice summer.

Sincerely,


Megan Scarniac

Subj: **Long time!**
Date: 3/20/2008 10:06:08 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: [taota](mailto:taota@...)
To: Petersklar@aol.com

I just was searching the internet waiting for some random page to load because my WiFi signal was... dim, to say the least. When I found myself rhythmically tapping the table with my hands in a very particular pattern. All of a sudden, a memory of sitting with you at your kitchen table flooded my mind. You were challenging me to copy your hands and the noises you were making... I smiled so big and said 'Peter Sklar' out loud. I immediately googled you. =) Ahh technology.

Its been a long time since I have thought about you and the impact you had on my life. I haven't become a big star like I once dreamt of being, and now I am not so sure that's really what I want. None the less, you helped me to be myself and mold myself in many ways, and at a very young age.

I know that you may not even remember me, you have worked with a million young children, but I would like you to know you were a great teacher and mentor for me at that point in my life.

Thank you & Best Wishes,

Theresa Orr
Beginnings Workshop student, circa ~1990/91
(Whoa!... almost 20 years ago!) =)
www.myspace.com/taotaurus
www.fossilfuelsanonymous.com

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How are you? My family and I are doing fine. We just went through Hurricane Ivan last week and are still without power.

It sure has been hard dealing with no lights, cold showers and no air conditioning. I guess we are living life like

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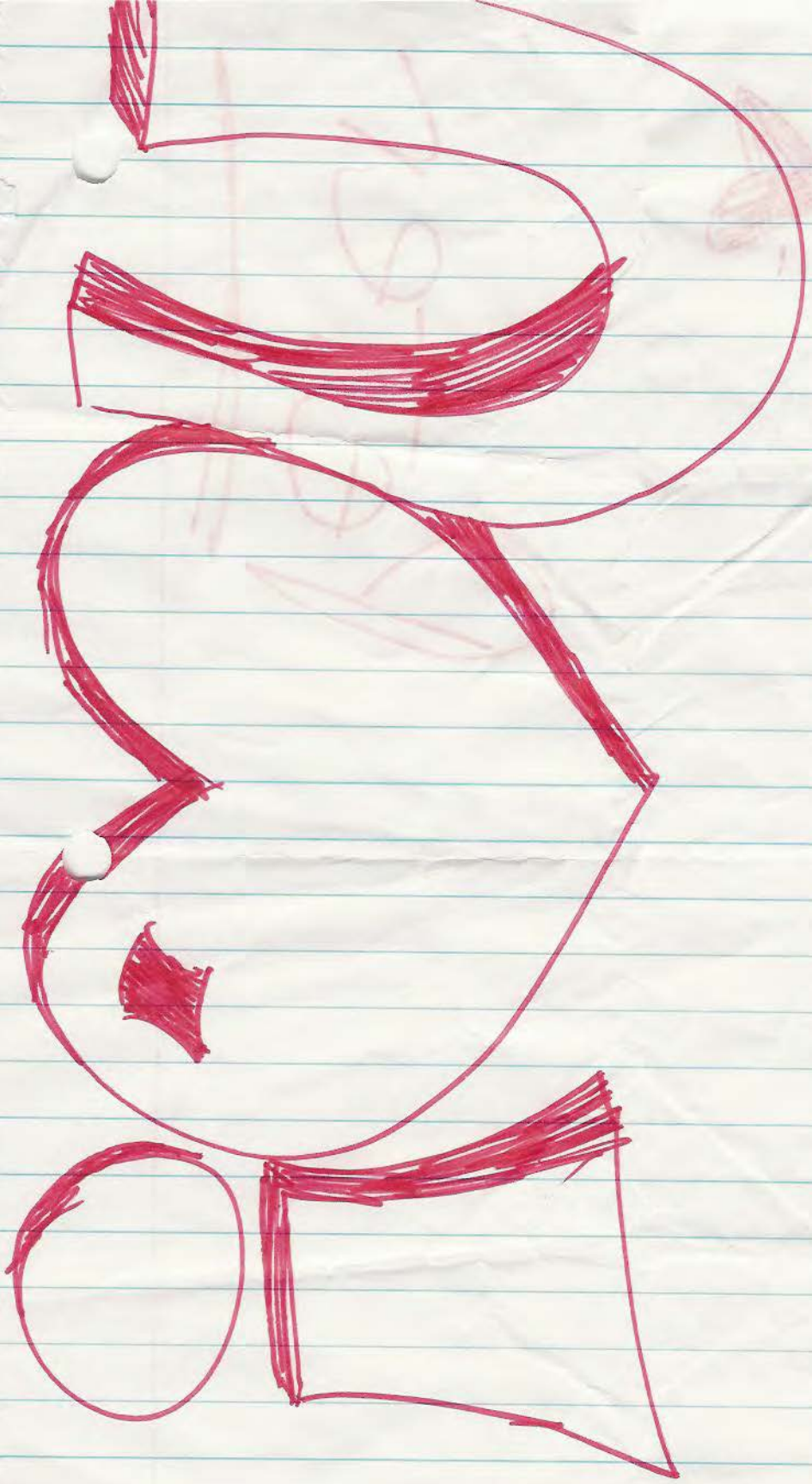
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really excited about going back to

the workshop. Take care and write

me back some time, → over



-Z-Peter-♡-Laura Poe

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9/02

Dear Peter,

I had a lot of fun. The other day my mother and I went to buy soy and rice milk. We're eating really healthy. I hope you will invite me back next year. It was a great experience. I miss everyone especially Rick. My dad said that I had grown three inches when I came back. I loved all of my classes I really liked Nadine's! A few days ago I woke thinking I was at the workshop.

Rick told me that you were looking for a location just for Beginnings. I think that's a great idea. If I am invited back I will send in a dance tape. I really appreciate what you did for ^{me} and thanks again.

Love,

Robert Vail

Dear Peter,

Not a day goes by when I don't think about the experience I had with you in New York. It is probably no big deal to you because you do those things all the time, but people I met and the things I learned have changed my life. I'm especially glad that you decided to represent me, and that you got me the Lion King audition. **WHAT A GREAT EXPERIENCE!** I now know what I want to do with my life and I know I can do it. It may sound "mushy" to you, but you've been a very big part of getting me to the point in my life where I am now. I wonder how things are going for you, like how your play is going. You're probably busy, but when you get the time, drop me a line. Stephanie Frye

Austin, Tx

January 13, 2002

Dear Mr. Sklar,

Thank-you so much for inviting me to the mini workshop (Christmas session). It was so much fun seeing all the new kids from all over the United States. From Colorado to South Carolina, and Nebraska to Texas. They were all so nice and ever so kind. Your house was very cozy. The sleeping arrangements were excellent. The food was way better than I expected. The tofo was really good and you dont hear that coming out of 11 year old mouths. It was fun going to Mozart and listening to all the music, especially New Years now we were dancing on the tables. Also when I filled out the checks, that was fun. Now if my mom and I go shopping I always ask to fill out the check, but she only uses cash or credit card. BOMER! It was also the BOY to go in your cool, hip, out of this world volvos with the special surprise. we would run errands like to Ms Greens, Staples or just around the corner. It was PHAT. It wasnt scary being the little one. I was always looked after, but not so much like I felt as if I were the President.

Going to NYC (New York City) was bundles of fun. I will never forget the Broadway show !throughly Modern Millie!

The classs were also really good. Ms. Terry and Mr. Daniel really taught me a thing or two about acting. You also taught me lots about commercials I remember about the structure. I believe if I put my mind into it I could become the new and improved CAMELOU DIAZ or

DEUZEL WASHINGTON

you never know? @

well thanks alot

Your dearest fan,
Samantha Jefferis

X ~~Samantha~~ jo

Sara Michelle Shapan

Dear Peter,

Thank you for inviting me to go to the Beginnings workshop. It was a lot of fun & I learned a lot. The instructors were great & the classes were unique. I now have confidence when I act thanks to you & my acting coach from Beginnings. It was also great to have agents watching in the off-broadway showcase. I really hope that I get a chance to go again next summer. Thank you once again for a truly unique experience.

Sincerely,
Sara M. Shapan

Subj: **Beginnings**
Date: 6/26/2006 12:20:52 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: [redacted]@yahoo.com
To: petersklar@aol.com

June 26, 2006

Peter~

Your workshop is the best! Arnold Mungoli's class and Linda's class were superior. I learned about presenting myself with a good first impression and selling myself to the director first thing. I also liked Ben Cameron's class because he is a strong, powerful dancer. He was also in one of my favorite plays, Wicked! Personally, I don't think the food was half bad. The tofu and breakfast sausage were actually quite yummy. The cereal was amazing! I always had second servings of it! I hope to see you again!

Kindermarie Williams

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9-8-06

Dear Peter,

I had a good time at Beginnings. I met alot of people. I enjoyed my coach and the classes. I liked coach best. Actually all I've been able to think about is the workshop. I'm still recuperating from that wonderful menu. — NOT —.

My mom is signing me up for theatre class. It takes place on Saturday for 10 weeks. I hope I can use what I learned at the workshop.

I hope I did well at the showcase. I hope to see you again, hopefully next summer.

Thanks again

Take care

your friend

Michael Wlodyka

Subj: **thank you so much!**
Date: 10/10/2007 1:32:45 P M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: b
To: PEELERSKLARK

Dear pdawg(Sir Pdawg the Royal, the Wise, the Strong & Magnificent Tizzle, Esteemed Guardian of her majesty's flock),

Hi Ptizzle, my name is kelsi . . . just wanted you to know how much I appreciated the beginnings workshop. I had a ton of fun in every single one of my classes. I can't even start to tell you how much more confident, healthy and appreciative I am. When I first arrived, I was questioning about how well I would do there but by the 3rd day I was very confident on everything I was doing there. I really appreciated all my teachers help (lee, Wayne, Emma & etc.), especially to my coach David Pendleton. I loved it there. I want to live like so bad. lol. I even liked the "yummy" food. Well it wasn't so bad, I got used to it and now me and my mom try to get tofu every time we go grocery shopping. We only found it once since August though. What kind of tofu did we eat? I loved the dance, it was just about my favorite part. I didn't win the costume contest but I still had a ton of fun. Every single person in my cabin I made friends with. I was in cabin G2. What I realized there was personality and "show biz". Just kidding, what I learned was personality is important and I can do so much more as an actress or a Broadway star. I now believe that I can "make the cut" more than I did before. Thanks to you I am now going to Hollywood. OH, and I was wondering if I could please have my chaperones emails (Chelsea Fitzgerald and Lauren Zaleta). Also I have a Myspace. Is it what you want it: myspace.com

ALL OF MY THANKS GOES TO YOU AND YOUR SHEEP OF COURSE!

*~KELSI

R O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Dear Peter,

I had such a great time at the workshop. Thank you so much for recommending me in the first place. I learned so much more about acting and myself. The showcase went well, too. I hope to see you again. Have a fun rest of the summer.

- Ashley Bashir

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Subj: **Thank you!!!**
Date: 6/22/2006 11:38:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: twinkl@cast.net
To: PeterSklar@aol.com

Dear Sir Pdawg the Royal Wise Strong Magnificent Tizzle,

Thank you so much for inviting me to attend Beginnings Workshop! It was so amazing that words can't even describe it. I met so many new people and I feel that I have known them for my whole life. The teachers were wonderful, fun, loving people. Constance and Linda were my favorites out of the teachers because I learned so much from them. I'm not saying that I didn't learn from the rest but they taught me in a more fun and exciting way. My chaperones were the best out of all the chaperones. I had Vanessa and Sandra. They were fun when it was time for laughter but when it was time to be serious they were serious and didn't mess around. When I was reading the Agreement, I thought that the food was going to be horrible. But, as the days went by.. tofu was actually pretty good so was spelt bread, the Boca burgers, tuna, and soy milk. I thought for sure that I was going to get sent home because of the food. Now I've been asking my mom to prepare tofu for dinner every once in a while. Sh

e said that she would but she wanted me to ask you how you prepare it so I was wondering if you had any recipes that you could tell me about to keep the good eating habits that you guys taught me at Beginnings. It was great having the VIP people teach us about the Industry and show and teach us the dance moves on Broadway. Tracy Edwards was my favorite out of them all. The dance moves were fun, fast, and was more of my style of hip-hop/jazz. My other favorite teacher was the lady from The Producers. The movie was hilarious. She taught us a piece from the movie that was Will Ferrell's part. In other words, the experience was amazing and I had such a great time that hopefully I'll be able to come back again next year. Thanks for helping me improve my monologue! I think I did better at the Showcase. Thanks again!!!!

Sincerely,

Adriana Devoti xoxo

Hey Peter!

How have you been? I was thinking about New York today, and how awesome it was, and I realized that I never really thanked you for everything you did for me. I can't believe I never sent you a card or anything telling you how much I appreciate everything you did while I spent the summer with you. My friends are so sick of me because New York is all I talk about, still, almost two months later. Everything I see and do reminds me of the incredible experiences I had this summer.


First of all, I know that I am so picky when it comes to food, and getting me to eat "health food" this summer was a big task for you. You will be happy to know that I felt so good when I came home after two months of no wheat, meat, dairy, sugar, or anything non-organic, that I raided my local health food store when I got home. I went from my normal diet of bread, candy and coke, to tofu, soymilk, and spelt. Somehow, I even got my family to start eating healthy too. I feel so good, I look healthier and I find it a lot easier to concentrate now that school has started up.

The discipline that I learned in New York has helped me so much, not only with my acting and modeling, but with school, work, and the show choir that I am in. I have found that I can manage my time better, and I am a lot more organized. I was at voice lessons for my first time since I've been home from NY and my voice teacher said "Adrienne, I don't know what you did this summer but I feel that you have done a lot of growing up and maturing since the last time we met". I have received the same comments from my mother, boss, and teachers.

This might sound a little cheesy but I honestly do feel a lot better about myself too. You taught me more in the two months that I stayed with you than I have learned anywhere else. You taught me to truly care about myself, and have respect for the person I am. I can even look through fashion magazines without being so jealous that I want to cry. Instead of focusing on the qualities and talents that I am lacking, I focus on the good qualities, and talents that I do have. It was so nice to know that although I was far away from my family and friends in Indy, I had you to turn to. You were always there for me, and I know that if there is anything I need I can turn to you. You definitely have a gift.

Well I think I've boosted your ego enough! HaHa Just kidding! I better get going but I just wanted to make sure you knew how much I appreciate everything you did for me. I miss you all.

Love Always,

Adrienne


Subj: **footage of the workshop on you Internet site**
Date: 12/19/2005 1:07:48 A.M. Eastern Standard Time
From: dance@quarter.net
To: petersklar@aol.com

Dear Peter Sklar

My name is Alexander Biber I attended Beginnings In August of 2003. I just wanted to e-mail you and say I loved watching the footage of the workshop on you Internet site, it brought back some great memories. At the time when I was at the workshop I disagreed with you on many things but as i have gotten older i have remembered things I have learned there and they have been extremely useful in my life. I would also like to add that i am so thankful you had us keep journals i love to go back and look at it now.

Thank you again for a experience of a life time
Alexander Biber

Subj: **hello peter, thank you**
Date: 11/1/2005 4:37:21 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: [rive5](#)
To: petersklar@aol.com

hello peter ,

Hi it is Alyssa Rivera from florida and the 2005 August workshop .On the day of the prefomance i got on the stage and sang spanish then you gave me chocolate.I would just like to say thank you so much for invititng me to beginings workshop. It was so fun and I learned alot from it.I will probably be attending again, and now that I am a veteran I know how it is over there.I am eating better and from the workshop determined that I want to be in the entertaining bussines.See you soon .you can e-mail me at allyb@broadbandouth.net.

Sencirely ,
Alyssa Rivera

Subject: (no subject)
Date: 9/5/2006 10:01:23 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: [SkS. \[redacted\]](#)
To: [PETERSKLAR](#)

Hi, Peter, it's Andrea LaRose, I just wanted to know if I could have the email addresses for my chaparones, Sarah Bennet and Monica Green, and my coach, Ereni Hrousis, and Mark Weston.

Thanks for hosting the workshop. Seriously, it was probably the best thing I've ever done. I loved it. ^_^

~Andrea

Dear Peter,

Hey! How are you? Wow, it seems like forever and ever since I've seen ya or talked to ya! What is new with you? How is your show coming a long? Good I hope! Did the August workshop go well? I already can't wait until the next workshop, I'm sure it will be a blast! How is everyone there? Lydia, Jen, Rhen, Don, and of course Veto? Did Veto stop smoking? Remind him that he told Kaylea and I that he would stop for us. =) How is Cafe Mozart? Are there any good new cakes or pies?

I have some great pictures from my last visit! I'll have to give you some of them. I have tons of them!

Wow, this school year has been going super fast! It's crazy! I like most of my classes, for the most part. My favorite classes are probably world history and english. In english right now we are reading Julius Caesar. In my world history class it seems like we have a test every week! I don't like the test but my teacher is pretty cool. My least favorite classes would have to be spanish biology and geometry! Those are also probably the hardest classes for me. Then I have acting and I just got done with career ed. Acting is a semester class and career ed was only a quarter. My acting class is pretty fun I just don't really care for the teacher. She is terrible compared to you, Eli, Robin, etc. But I'm learning what I can from it. Career ed was an okay class we had to shadow some one and learn about there career. Which was kind of interesting. Next quarter my schedule stays the same. 1st period I have spanish then english, next biology,

after that I have acting then I have lunch. Our lunches are awful!! Everything is junk! Okay we have a fast food line with like pizza, chicken nuggets, chips and candy. Then there is a main line that has like french fries, potatoes, and tons of other greasy things. Then we have a salad bar but even the salads are bad because they aren't dark greens. The lunches aren't healthy at all! Then after lunch I have world history then geometry and career ed. But now instead of career ed I think I'm going to have toning and fitness or weight training because career ed was only a quarter class. Me in weight training that's going to be a laugh I'd like hurt myself from lifting 20 pounds haha just kidding but still I'm not a good weight lifter maybe it would do be some good to learn. I can't believe I've already had a quarter of school it's going incredibly fast! We go nine weeks then a week off! I really like that. I'm on my week break now. I'm defiantly not ready to go back! Except the nice thing is I'm at a high school now. See even though last year I was in 9th grade and 9th grade is considered highschool in Lincoln 9th grade is at a middle school. So it is nice to be in 10th grade and actually be in highschool. We had our homecoming dance. It was pretty fun nothing to exciting. My date and I went with like twelve other friends of ours which made it really fun! My school also had a Halloween dance and they had a raffle and I won \$20 gift card and two movie rentals ha not the biggest prize but at least I won something! I never win raffle things!

I've been really busy with my dance lessons and I'm taking voice lessons now just to learn some

basics. Hopefully it will do me some good and help me some.

Have ya seen any good movies lately? I want to see the movie The Ring because I have heard that it is scary. I haven't seen a really good scary movie in a long time either! Oh haha how did ya like the 3rd Austin Powers? I thought it was good! Did you ever find your mini me (your little bear that looks like you)?

How is the weather there? Can you believe it has already snowed in Nebraska? Crazy huh? I mean it's only October, it's way to early to be snowing!! Well, it snowed and stayed for only like two days then melted but still even though it didn't stay it's still crazy that it's already snowed! I hope it doesn't mean that we'll have a bad winter.

Hey, guess what? I have been eating dark green salads a lot more with my meals at night! I actually kind of like them now...there not to bad. =) Also I drink chia tea a lot too! hehe I love that stuff! Then my mom bought carb rite bars. I like the S'more and Raspberry kinds the best I think. My parents don't think they are to bad either.

I miss New York so much! And everyone back there! I was looking at all my pictures from there and it brought back so many funny times! You'll have to tell Veto to shut up! ;) (wink) He is a cool and funny guy! You'll have to tell him hey for me and Kaylea and make sure he hasn't forgotten about us.

Have you talked to Kelley, Sarrah, or Marissa? I've talked to Kelley and Sarrah couple times but I haven't got to talk to Marissa at all! It seems like

forever since I have seen her! Can you believe Kaylea and I haven't seen ya since the last time we were in New York which would have been like July 31st or something like that! That is so long ago!! Crazy!

Guess what??? I'm going to be sixteen March 4th!!! Yay!! Scary huh?? Me behind the wheel! =) I can't wait that will be exciting! Some of my friends can already drive...there so lucky!


We're redoing my room!! I'm so excited because it has been the same since I was like 4 years old! When I was four my favorite color was pink so you can only image what it looks like! Pink everywhere!! Lol (laugh out loud). I'm changing it to yellow and blue's My favorite colors! =) Hopefully it will turn out great! Haha definatly should be better than bright pink...I think I need a change!

Oh yeah one of the community theaters we have in Lincoln are doing to plays right now. I'm going to be in both of them. They are both for Christmas. One is more singing and dance and the other one is more acting. They should be alot of fun! So that should keep me busy a long with all the other things I have going on. Hopefully the shows will turn out good...we start rehearsal November 3rd! I hope it goes well!

Well, I better go hehe I've wrote quite a bit it's just I haven't talked to ya so I had just so much to tell ya! Tell everyone hi for me and make sure Veto knows I say hi! Hope everything is going well in New York with your show and everything!!

Always, Amy Rittgarn

P.S. I'll write ya again, hopefully soon! Oh, and sorry there might be some mistakes in the letter!



Dear Peter,

I'm not sure what the big deal about the food was. I thought the pizza was the best I've ever tasted! Thank you for selecting me to attend the Beginnings Workshop. It was an experience I'll not soon forget. I now have great new friends from as far away as Colorado and the beginnings of a wonderful resume. I loved meeting the Broadway actor and actresses as well as hearing their thoughts on the business. Performing on an off Broadway stage was one of the most exhilarating experiences of my life. I had an awesome time. Thank you for including me.

Beginning to appreciate tofu,

Alby Robinson

D.S. My Granddad told me to tell you that we have an extra few acres of soybeans just for you.

December 10, 2002

Hey Peter,

Whats up?! Kansas City is boring like usual. I loved your Mini-Workshop! It was so much fun getting to work with you and meeting other girls. I am really looking forward to other workshops in the future. Café Mozart was so good. I wish there was something like that here in Kansas City. I loved the city also. It was cool! Thank you for helping me learn more about acting.

I am looking around for acting classes here in Kansas City. I'm sure I will find some. Hope you have a great Christmas, it's coming up! I can't wait. Your house was cool to hang in too! Hehe Thanks again!😊

**Love,
Ashley Spalding**

NOTE FROM MR. SKLAR: Ashley is 13 years old and from Kansas City, Missouri. She attended a recent "mini-workshop" this past Thanksgiving weekend at my home in Harrison, NY, and will be attending the regular Beginnings workshop this August. Feel free to call for her telephone number if you have been invited to a mini-workshop.

Dear Peter,

I'm sorry this letter is so belated but I've had a busy summer. I wanted to thank you for the best twelve days of my life. Beginnings taught me more than I ever imagined possible. I used to think that all there is to acting is to read a script and act it out however you want and if the director doesn't like it he'll /she'll have you change it. I found out that I was very wrong.

All of my teachers and my coach (Ron August), helped me tap into different emotions and feelings I didn't even know I had, and they taught me how to use them for an audition or a play or any other type of acting I was doing. Beginnings has definitely been one of the best experiences of my life. Not only did I learn about acting, I learned a lot about myself as well. I was very nervous before I performed my monologue in the showcase but I remembered everything that everyone had taught me and I remembered all the showcase run-throughs and I was fine. Beginnings gave me lots of courage and taught me that I can do anything if I put my mind to it.

If it is possible, I would love to return to Beginnings next summer. I remember that after the first showcase when people were leaving you said that if anyone would like to return as an assistant or a chaperone let him know. Next summer I will be 16 so I would love to come work as a chaperone, or an assistant if you want me to be one. Please let me know if this would be possible.

I just wanted to write and let you know what a big impact your workshop has had on my life whether I make it as an actress or not. I remember you saying that we had learned more in those twelve days than anything any of our friends watching T.V. at home would learn all summer. I went home and asked my friends what they had done for the past twelve days and they said nothing. I'm glad that came to Beginnings and didn't waist twelve precious days doing actually doing nothing. I learned a lot. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

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

Abby Stern

January 15, 2003

Dear Peter,

When I started visiting you this summer I wasn't quite sure what to expect. The main thing on my mind was that I wanted to act. By the first time I left your mini-workshop I not only was a stronger actress but I also became a strong and healthier person. I left your house being more aware of my feelings and body. I must admit when I heard your lecture at my dance studio I didn't take much in about my health (I was to excited about acting) but now that I've started taking your tips on food and applying them to my everyday meals, I feel so much more alive. I have more energy and better skin complexion than ever before. I've never been able to thank you as much as I think I should for everything you've done. You've taught me some of the most meaningful life lessons and because of your mini-workshops I feel happy, healthy and confident.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley Sumner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Ashley Sumner

Subj: **(no subject)**
Date: 8/17/2006 7:14:23 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: G.
To: PETERSKLAR
CC: Gc

hey Peter its Briana Gulley and i was on the computer and i was bored so i thought that i would send you an e-mail just to say hey and that since your workshop i have actually started eating healthier and my parents are amazed.They were also shocked that in the middle of May i stopped drinking cokes and settled for drinking water, and all different kinds of cold teas (Cold Green Tea and Peach Tea are my favorites) Well i have to go to my job and i will see you in December!

hEaRt-
Briana Gulley

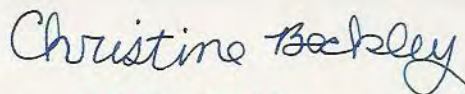
July 22, 2004

Yoooooo P-Tizzle,

It's Christine Beckley, one of the **fabulous June 2004 Assistants!** What's crackin' at the Sklar casa? I'm extremely sorry that I took forever to send you a letter due to the numerous calls from Hollywood agents just *begging* to work with me. Sike! Just kiddin. I just recently got back from Pennsylvania because I spent a week with my god-mother and her three kids. I go there every summer to watch them, play with them, help feed and bathe them, etc. It's tons o' fun! I don't believe I can thank you enough for giving me SO many opportunities and memories from my three years at Beginnings.

THANK YOU! 😊 All of the assistants had mucho fun attending to the workshop's daily needs. We all gained an amazing amount of maturity and responsibility after the workshop. Carol, aka Mommy, was an angel to us. She always gave us daily talks and reprimanded us as needed. From dressing in our pajamas to dressing "ghetto-fab," we all enjoyed serving every meal. How can you even forget our rendition of "He Had It Comin'?" I hope that next year, you will allow me to be an assistant again because I had one of the best times of my life being one. The assistants went from being total strangers to sisters in **only nine days**. It was also **purdy** cool to hear how everyone talked. I especially loved all of those Southern Belle's accents! You will be overjoyed to know that I purchased some **soymilk** and **soy chips**. Yes, you heard correctly, *soy*. Also, I would **love** to attend another one of your mini-workshops if you have any coming up. Hint. Hint. Nudge. Nudge. 😊 I feel that I speak for all of the assistants by saying that even though we worked our bootays off, we all gained a great deal of information from you and our classes and coaches. Peter, you're amazing. I hope that you have a superdeeduper summer and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Love,



Christine Beckley

P.S. Don't forget my G- Unit joke! What did 50 Cent say after Eminem gave him a hand-knitted sweater for Christmas? Gee, you knit? (G-Unit)

P.P.S. What does Snoop Dogg use his umbrella for? Fo Drizzle!

Dear Peter Sklar,

I just wanted to let you know that I thoroughly enjoyed your workshop. I felt a lot better after learning to eat healthier and on top of that it was a great acting experience and I learned a lot. I have already signed up for next summer's workshop and will be anxiously looking forward to it. I have heard things about the Europe trip and I have been interested in finding out more about the qualifications for this trip. I know I would enjoy this once in a lifetime chance and I have wondered if there is any possibility if I could take part in this trip. I would love the chance to see another country and to learn more acting skills. You have been a wonderful person to me and to many peers of mine and I believe that taking more trips with you and learning more things that you have to say and to offer I would enjoy it very much. I hope to take part in anything you have to offer to further my acting skills and to help me understand the life of an actor.

Thank you,
Christopher White

Subj: **Connella Coles sends her thanks**
Date: 9/8/2007 11:31:16 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: Vc
To: PETERSKLAR

Dear Peter,

Thank you so much for having me at the "Workshop", the experience was very valuable to my learning experience on not only how to better me as an actress, but how to be a better person. The people I met there were some of the greatest, and the friends I made are now being held in a special place in my heart. Although most of the food was not to my liking, and you wouldn't let me change dance class (I now thank you for not letting me, that taught me resilience and how to make a better argument) the whole thing was magnificent.

Though my friends and I did try to plot your demise a couple times lol 😊, we now realize that you were only trying to give us the best possible experience on that stage as possible and we actually, kind of miss the workshop. So again I say thank you for making my summer a great one, if only for a week.

Sincerely,
Connella Coles

P. S The G4 girls think we should have a reunion, that would be so cool!!!!

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Subj: **Hi Peter!**
Date: 7/27/2006 7:28:54 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: [Greteman, Courtney](#)
To: [PETERSKLAR](#)

Dear Peter-

My name is Courtney Greteman. I met you a LONG time ago at Paula Brekke's School of Dance in Des Moines, Iowa. I attended your workshop the summer of 1999. I just wanted to let you know how much your workshop changed my outlook on things. I'm now a senior jazz and theater major and the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. At your workshop, I discovered the confidence I needed to realize I wanted to dance, but more importantly, that I could dance. After your workshop, I went back to school being more outgoing and knowing who I was.

Anyway, I just wanted to say thank you for your workshop.

Courtney



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Dear Peter,

12 September 2003


I had so much fun at the Beginnings' Workshop, and I'm not just saying that. Each and every director that I worked with was fun, energetic, and was completely dedicated. I'm proud to have had the training.

I must say, even though some of it looked weird, the food was good. I won't say excellent and I won't say terrible or bad, it was good. I loved the 40's dance and the bonfire. Those two nights were great and thank you for setting them up. This whole experience was worth the long drive going and coming from New York.

I loved the chaperones! Thank you all so much! They were all very entertaining. I don't think you could possibly find a better group of young and energetic professionals. They would always make joke's and they would always ask how you were feeling, which I really appreciated. All of the chaperones were excellent. I don't think you could have possibly found better chaperones.

Yes, I must take the time to thank you for my coach, Daniel H. Simons. He is the best. Go Dan! I have enjoyed and am proud to have worked with Dan during the workshop. Every time I saw him I had fun and I also learned. He is the reason why I played Eugene so well. Every time I would forget to do something, no matter how often it was, he would never get frustrated. He would simply remind me and even show me what he meant. I give Dan the credit for finding all of my Eugene's and I thank him for that. If I am to return next year, I will be looking forward to working with him again to learn even more!

All in all, the workshop was the best I have ever or probably ever will attend. But the best thing about the workshop is I got to meet new people and gain more friends. I thank you for inviting me to your wonderful workshop and I hope to return next year.

Sincerely

Canaan A. Parrott

Subj: **Happy Holidays Peter!**
Date: 12/17/2007 8:38:41 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
From: dance@petersklar.com
To: petersklar@aol.com

Hey Peter! This is Breonna Curren. I just wanted to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! I had a great time at the mini workshop. Thank you for opening your home to me and helping me out with my acting skills. I took your advise and I'm applying for acting programs. Thanks again for all your help. I hope your holiday is as special as you are!!

~Bre

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Subject: Thank You!
Date: 9/1/2007 3:34:11 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: dancequ...@aol.com
To: PeterSklar@aol.com

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

Hey PDawg! I just wanted to let you know that I had an amazing time at The Beginnings Workshop. I couldn't believe the people I met there. That was definitely the highlight of my summer. I've had so many things change in my life this summer, my dance studio closed and I'm at a new one now, Off Broadway Dance Academy, my guitar and singing teachers are different now, and I'm starting a new school year. I'm fine with change, but this summer completely changed my life. I just wanted to say thank you for such a great experience. I know that acting, singing, and dancing are what I want in my life forever. It would be an honor if I could attend your workshop next year or what ever you recommend for me to help me advance faster. I want to pursue all of these fields and make it my life. Thanks, again, for your time! Have a great summer!

Love,

Breonna Curren

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Peter ~

Thank you so much for inviting me to your house for the mini-workshop. It was a wonderful experience that helped me grow in so many ways. I met so many new people and learned new things about the people that I already knew. My lifestyle has undergone a drastic change since I returned home. I am a lot healthier because of the routine we practiced at your home. Every time I am at one of your workshops I discover new things about myself as a person, and am able to make clearer decisions about my future.

When my Mom told me that you had invited me back to your house for a mini-workshop I was really excited. I loved the summer program, and was really looking forward to the fact that we would get more individual attention than was possible during the previous workshop I had attended. It has always been a dream of mine to study the performing arts, and since I live in an rural district not much is offered in this area. After my visit to your house I have learned a new appreciation for actors/actresses and their profession. To become great in this occupation you must be very self-aware and at the same time, realize how you need to use these feelings to portray how someone else is feeling. This factor is probably one of the greatest lessons I learned while I was there. The improvisation really gave me a taste of what real acting is, and I love it!

I am certainly more aware of what I am eating and not eating after 10 days of being forced to consume foods that are good for me. There was a point in my life where I definitely thought tofu and soy milk was for lack of better words, gross. Now, even though I would not go into violent convulsions if I was never allowed to look at either of them again, I am much more appreciative of them! In my free time I made use of your extensive holistic health library and began to look at the diet that I had previously obtained in a different way. I am now consuming a lot more water and can honestly say I have kept up taking vitamins ever since I returned home.

Hypothetically, if ever I was asked if I thought my Christmas break was well spent or if I had pathetically squandered my mother's money.....I would say that I would not have spent my time anywhere else if given the choice. By nature I am a much happier person if when doing a task, I know it is constructive and/or I enjoy completing it. I can honestly say I had the opportunity to do both, and I got to get away from home for awhile! As much as Stroudsburg is a nice place to grow up, I must say that I would probably go into a state of utter despair if I knew that I was doomed to remain here the rest of my life. I love being in the city so New York is especially exciting for me because it is the closest urban area to me.

You are running a great program and I think its really cool that you actually like working with kids. Oh wait, that's right you hate kids.....Its *adolescents* that you like! I really like working with you and hope that we will continue to work with each other for a long time. Thank you again and I hope to see you soon!

~ Candace

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Candace" followed by a stylized flourish.

Subj: **thank you**
Date: 9/26/2004 5:58:21 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: d_____i78@hc_____.com
To: PETERSKLAR@aol.com

Hey Peter,
how are you? wow. look i got an E-mail adress. i cant wait until december!
thank you soooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo much for this summer. Words can
not describe how exited and appreciative i am. guess wut. im still eating
healthy. i still eat meat and other things sometimes, but that cause my
entire family didn't change thier diet. i admit. u were right eating healthy
does make a difference. i slacked off for a week this summer, and in that
time, i got a cold and was very tired. i also have IBS (inflammatory bowl
syndrome), which stopped ever since i started eating healthy. thanks for the
everything again. o my mom wants to know when am i going to get info. on the
plane ride to NY? you said for us to wait until we heard from you but its
getting close to time to go. sorry. i dont mean to be a bother. thanks
again. i cant wait to hear from you.
monique de villier

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Subj: **Thank you!!!**
Date: 6/22/2006 11:38:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: twink!@t.net
To: PeterSklar@aol.com

Dear Sir Pdawg the Royal Wise Strong Magnificent Tizzle,

Thank you so much for inviting me to attend Beginnings Workshop! It was so amazing that words can't even describe it. I met so many new people and I feel that I have known them for my whole life. The teachers were wonderful, fun, loving people. Constance and Linda were my favorites out of the teachers because I learned so much from them. I'm not saying that I didn't learn from the rest but they taught me in a more fun and exciting way. My chaperones were the best out of all the chaperones. I had Vanessa and Sandra. They were fun when it was time for laughter but when it was time to be serious they were serious and didn't mess around. When I was reading the Agreement, I thought that the food was going to be horrible. But, as the days went by.. tofu was actually pretty good so was spelt bread, the Boca burgers, tuna, and soy milk. I thought for sure that I was going to get sent home because of the food. Now I've been asking my mom to prepare tofu for dinner every once in a while. Sh

e said that she would but she wanted me to ask you how you prepare it so I was wondering if you had any recipes that you could tell me about to keep the good eating habits that you guys taught me at Beginnings. It was great having the VIP people teach us about the Industry and show and teach us the dance moves on Broadway. Tracy Edwards was my favorite out of them all. The dance moves were fun, fast, and was more of my style of hip-hop/jazz. My other favorite teacher was the lady from The Producers. The movie was hilarious. She taught us a piece from the movie that was Will Ferrells part. In other words, the experience was amazing and I had such a great time that hopefully I'll be able to come back again next year. Thanks for helping me improve my monologue! I think I did better at the Showcase. Thanks again!!!!

Sincerely,

Adriana Devoti xoxo

Dear Peter,

I wanted to write and tell you how much fun I had at your workshop. I learned so many things - not just about acting and performing, but about life. Staying healthy, happy and taking good care of yourself is something I never knew you could do all at the same time and still have fun. Going to your workshop made it all possible. I really like how everyone there accepts you for who you are, not how good of an actor you are. Everyone there - the chaperones, assistants, students, staff and teachers have created this great atmosphere that's safe and filled with love and happiness. When I came home on Wednesday I felt like a hundreds times better actor

but more importantly I felt like a five hundred times better person.

Thank you for teaching me important things about life, thank you for spending your time to coach me and work with me, thank you for giving me the opportunity to come to your workshop and experience all sorts of feelings, thank you for showing me that you can make your life any way you want it to be by how you act towards others and yourself, thank you for showing me if one believes in themself they can be anything, thank you for showing me there are no bad people in the world - only those who are being bad to themselves, thank you for making me feel better about myself. Wherever you go there

will always be people in the world who put you down, tease you or make fun of you. Anyone who doesn't have respect for other people, does not have respect for themselves. And when those people do the same to me, I will always remember Beginnings and think there are good people in the world who respect me I will not let others let me down. The only person that can let someone down is themselves. You can avoid it by not letting others get in the way of what you think of yourself. I learned all that from Beginnings and that is why I am a better person today than I was when I first met you. You gave me a whole other look at myself and life together. I am very grateful for that. It's great that there is a place

(over)?

where kids and teenagers can learn more about themselves, their talents and their personality. I really got a whole new image of who I am inside. Thank you for that. I can't wait to come back next year as an assistant. I look forward to working with you before it starts and I hope my mom can arrange with you some time for me to visit you in New York. I'll have my mom give you a call! Thank you again for the greatest experience of my life! The smile I wore two weeks ago just grew bigger!

Love,
Danielle Grimm

Subj: **Workshop Alum.**
Date: 1/8/2008 9:02:46 A.M. Eastern Standard Time
From: dfe .net
To: petersklar@aol.com

Hey Pdawg!

It's Erin E . Omaha NE, from the August workshop! I am just writing to say how much I loved the workshop it was amazing. I am tryin to get my mom to buy me a cook book with the things we ate at the workshop. I hope that I can comeback some day, but the expense is just to much. I am trying really hard to get my parents to let me go to the mini-workshops. I told them that maybe I could pay them back once I got a job. I hope I can come back because I loved the experiences I had meeting new people, and working with those AMAZING teachers, Maggie was by far my FAVORITE teacher!

Dear Peter,

I wanted to write to you to tell you how much fun I had at your mini workshop. It was extremely beneficial and I learned a lot. I loved all of the other kids there, we had so much fun together! I remember the snowball fight in the backyard. I think it was Sarrah, Kelly, Keegan, David, Sammie, Anna, Marissa, Makenzie, Karen and me. It does snow quite a bit in the winter in Colorado, but I've never had a big snowball fight with all of my friends, that was a real treat!

I also loved going to Café Mozart on a nightly basis. That's such a great place to hang out and talk and get to know everyone better. The first night we went, I remember I shared a Rock me Amadeus with Anna, I didn't really know her, but we got to talking and became really good friends, and ended up sharing a bunk! We wrote poems together (tehehe), and those were really fun...

*Anna lay in her bed, staring at the ceiling.
The busy colors starting back.*

Good times, good times.

I really enjoyed making dinner for everyone on that one night. We made chicken parmigiana (well, we tried), asparagus, and a delicious salad! We didn't make enough asparagus or salad or chicken parmigiana though! We rushed to make more salad, but we ran out of Balsamic Vinegar, and Karen added more salt and pepper than there was salad! But everyone still ate it (if they wanted seconds). We made more asparagus, it too was a bit too salted (oops, my fault!)

The acting classes were great, too! I really liked Terry's class, she helped me to figure out how to really *be* a character, how to *feel* like that character. It was really helpful! I also enjoyed Daniel's class. I liked doing the improv videos, where we had a character and we were all at the park and we had to act like that certain character would. That was a lot of fun, spontaneous and interesting. I really, really, really enjoyed your classes too! It's unbelievable how much you taught me about acting, nutrition, and myself. I'm always making up short monologues at home, and applying "Peter's secret formula" to them. It's really hard most of time, but I think it's helping me to figure out how to use the formula better.

I'm really trying to eat more healthily, I'm taking lots of vitamins and we bought some flax seeds! Occasionally I do have some french fries and a couple of M&M's, but that's very rare. Thank you so much for inviting me to another mini workshop. Coming to the mini workshops is honestly my favorite thing to do. I love having the coaching sessions with you and getting to meet new people and eating organic food. I love washing vegetables (sort of) and helping stuff envelopes. It's my favorite experience, and I can't wait until the next mini workshop. Thank you Peter!

Love,

Ella Kerns

Hey, peter its Elise and I just got back from Ceder City, (Utah) for the Shakespearean comp. And I got to meet tons of different thespians !!! I love that word !! I REALLY DO but any way well I had the hardest time memorizing my monologue from King Henry the eighth and well I was sooo very worried about it and when the day of performing was through I was sooo happy and relieved and then my teacher gets a call saying that we need to get back to the campuses because one of his students made it into the showcase round which basically is a time when the judges pick their favorite participants to perform in front of tons of people like basically who ever wants to go and is involved with the competition but it turned out that the person who got

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invited to do it was little old me 🥰 I was soo surprised and even more hungry so the teacher said ok lets go to the showcase and watch Elise perform and o my gosh it was such a great feeling and all I could think of was the workshop and John Cunningham and all of those terrific lessons he gave us they really did make all of the difference!! So I just wanted to tell you thanx for every thing and also I was wondering if any of the five day miniworkshops are still left and if so then you can expect to hear from my parents soon and well again thank you for giving me such excellent opportunities !! and well I hope I hear from you as soon as possible but it is late and I have missed lots of school and need to get back on track ooo crap that is such a drag but hey I at least have my singing coach to look forward to cuz she is sooo magnificent and just sooo talented she can get even like a

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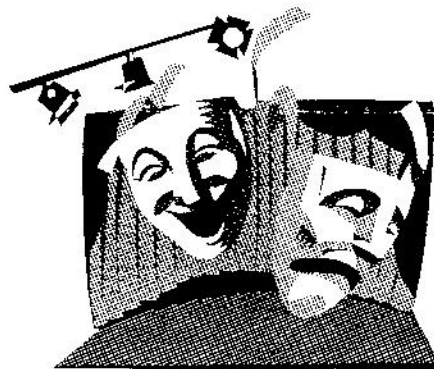
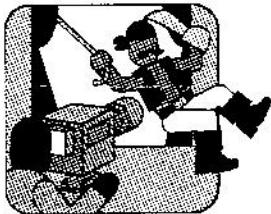
ummmmmm tone deaf magpie like me to sing sooo I enjoy her lessons and my sister sounds soo great as Dolly and well good night and my new favorite quote is "the whole world is a stage and the men and women are but actors" haha well luv ya tons bye bye, Elise Harding and please for give me for all of the misspelled words its late and I am drowsy!!!



Hey Peter,

I am writing this letter to you to let you know how much I enjoyed Beginnings last year! For one thing, my previous visit was the best by far... the education on the profession of acting and the fun and the learning experience, it all becomes better each time I come back. Although I have only been there twice, it still has been the most rewarding thing that I have done in my life. Just the thrill of performing off-Broadway puts the excitement in my life every time. Now as you know I did meet a guy there and we are still going out, but that is not the reason I am going again. We talked on the phone about it and we both said that is not why we are going back to the "best workshop in the world." The reason I am going is for the learning experience the knowledge of acting and of course the fun I had and will have when I come back this year. I know that you want me to also, because if I didn't come back this year I know that you would shut down the whole workshop just because I was not there right?!?! (HAHAHAHAHAHA) Just kidding!! All that aside, this is what I look forward to as soon as we leave for NYC. Well I hope to see you very, very soon.

Waiting for your call,
Erin ☺



Subj: **Hello from Wisconsin!**
Date: 11/1/2006 8:21:49 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
From: jame .com
To: petersklar@aol.com

Hi Peter!

How are you? I'm doing well. Listen, I'm so extremely sorry that I didn't get back to you when you called telling me that you were here in Wisconsin! First of all, I didn't get the message until it was too late (mom didn't know whose number it was, so she didn't check it right away), and secondly, I've been so busy lately with school, competitions, and shows. I actually just finished a wonderful production of Annie, so for this week, I'm free! That all ends next week, though, with auditions for Pirates of Penzance at my school! I'm so excited! Anyways, though, I'm really sorry! I feel really, really bad about it, and hope you don't hate me! I just haven't had time to keep up with anyone lately, so it's time to get back on track!

I miss Beginnings Workshop and you so much! It was such a wonderful experience, and I truly enjoyed working with you and everyone! I was planning on doing your London trip this spring, actually, but I knew I would not be able to get all of the money together in time. It would have been wonderful, though, and I would have gained precious knowledge, but what can you do? Maybe next time, right?!

Hope everything is splendid over there, and I hope to talk to you soon! And please, inform me again the next time you will be here in Wisconsin because I would love to see and talk with you again! Thanks so much!

~Megan

Subj: (no subject)
Date: 7/2/2004 9:55:22 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: <comcast.net>
To: PETERSKLAR@aol.com

Peter,

Thank you very much for the opportunity you have given me. I received my information from Mr. Hardt, the director, and from my chaperones. I enjoyed my experience with the teachers and coaches. I didn't especially like the food, but I could tolerate it so oh well. This workshop has made my family and friends realize that my desire to be a professional actress has not been just a child's dream all along. They now realize I want to take it seriously and want to pursue it. I would like to keep in touch so that you can help me in my career along the way. I believe you have great information and hope to be able to receive great advice from you. Thank you so much once again.

Haley :)

P.S. If you invite me back to the workshop you said you would consider me being an assistant because you personally told me when I came up to your table at dinner.

Dear Peter, P-dawg, Dr. Tofu, and P-tizzle,

I just got back in Indiana from Beginnings and I wanted to thank you for my third and best year at the workshop. I could not have wished for a better group of fellow students and instructors. My coach Daniel Simon helped me so much and I think my work has improved much. The instructors this year were great and each class was helpful and full of new things to learn. I especially liked Donn Cunningham's class this year. Also wonderful this year were the guest instructors. I was already a huge fan of Sutton Foster and getting to meet her AND have a class with her was really beyond anything I could have imagined. She is so completely true and I really hope students in the future can enjoy her talents.

The dance this year was the most fun yet. Everything about it was good and playful.

Thank you for everything you did to put together ~~to~~ the workshop and for inviting me back. Beginnings has always been great but this year was beyond wonderful. It was informative and exciting and I found some very true friends that will last. ~~my~~

Thank you again,

Hannah Kennedy

Dear Peter, 7/19/03

I just wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful, life-changing experience I've had at Beginnings for the past ~~few~~ two years.

I have grown so much and learned about myself through the challenging classes, Coaching sessions, and the everyday stresses. I personally have to say that my Coach, Mark Weston, has permanently influenced my acting style. At the end, he encouraged me to do my monologue using the fake 'acting' type approach I usually depended on, I couldn't do it. I tried but I couldn't. Thank you for that.

I'd also like to add from experience that the food tastes way better than people expect it to. I really appreciate your effort in that area. Because of family objections, I can't follow it fully, but I have been able to find more balance. The occasional tofu dish... Rice milk in the fridge... more organic food... It's all good!

I believe I am speaking for most all Beginnings participants when I say that my life truly changed because of your hard work and expertise. As corny as it sounds, it's true, and not even just a little bit, my life has turned around. I'm eating better, my theatre work is more real than ever, and every time I'm in trouble, I think about → WLPD (What would Peter Do) → It Really helps!!

Thank you so much,

Hannah Kennedy, G3, G4
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P.S. My mom also wanted to thank you for everything!

Subj: **Thanks**
Date: 7/1/2004 8:11:57 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: @bellsouth.net
To: peterskiar@aol.com

Dear Peter (P-Dawg),

Hi! This is Jenna Cummings from the workshop. I wanted to say thanks for the great opportunities I got at your workshop. I learned a lot of valuable information and really liked all my instructors. I had a great experience. I really enjoyed meeting kids from all over the country, especially Texas :). Yoga was my favorite class. Dorota was a great teacher and she made the class very relaxing. I decided that even though I didn't like some of the food I'm still going to eat it, because I know now that eating healthy makes you feel good, gives you loads of energy, and makes me have no pimples :)! I'm thinking about doing a mini-workshop and I was wondering if you had any available ones left, please let me know. Thanks for a great experience and I hope your show rehearsals for The Kid Who Played the Palace are going well.

Sincerely,
Jenna

P-Tizzle,

Hey! I just wanted to say THANKS for everything you have done for me. You not only taught me valuable things about acting, but helped me to gain more self esteem and confidence. I'm still working on the whole singing in front of people thing, but I'll get there someday. I feel a little braver about singing in front of people so I decided I'm going to audition for the school musical. I'm eating pretty good, and eating more green veggies (I'm still hoping I'll get taller). I thought I'd send a few pictures from the mini workshop to you. I even have one w/ "Osama" on my head (I can't believe you want to name the Kitty that). Well, thanks for everything and I look forward to seeing you again. Love ya! ~ Jenna

Nobody

UNDERSTANDS YOU,
either!



P5 - can I have Mark Weston's email address so I can have his opinion on my poems.

P55 - I got a guitar, and I'm going to learn how to play it so I can Rock 'n' Roll!

P555 - Ha Ha, I took a picture of you sleeping!

P5555 - I can't wait until we go to

LONDON!

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From: _____@bellsouth.net
To: peterskiar@aol.com

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Sincerely,
Jenna

Subj: **First Day of School**
Date: 8/10/2004 9:07:03 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: @bellsouth.net
To: petersklar@aol.com

Hey P-Dawg! Guess what?? I got all worked up over high school for nothing. It was actually not as bad as I thought. I'm not having as much trouble with friends because the "gossip girls" aren't in too many of my classes (and nope they still haven't grown up). My special guy friend is still the same, and were still good friends (I'll keep you posted). I'm really glad I had that talk with you, because some how (I don't know exactly how) I feel a lot better. By the way did I happen to leave my water bottle at your house? Tell Katie I said hi! Thanks! ~Jenna


PS-Guess what? Our school cafeteria has changed all the food into healthy better choices and now they only serve french fries on Fridays!

Subj: **RE: First Day of School**
Date: 8/12/2004 8:43:17 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: @bellsouth.net
To: PETERSKLAR@aol.com

Peter, our school is closed cuz of Hurricane Charley and they are putting everyone in Central Florida on alert. I wish I was back at your house, not only because its safe from the hurricane but also because I had lots of fun and learned a lot about myself and acting there. I miss you too! TTYL~Jenna

-----Original Message-----


From: PETERSKLAR@aol.com [mailto:PETERSKLAR@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2004 6:44 PM
To: @bellsouth.net
Subject: Re: First Day of School

Miss you! Save up best you can and maybe I can help....-WM55

Subj: **Hey**
Date: 9/5/2005 12:42:45 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: jennaro
To: PETERSKLAR@aol.com

Hey Peter!

Sorry it took me so long to email u, but I have been trying to adjust back to my school life. So anyways, once again I'd like to say thank you for an amazing workshop experience. I liked being an assistant so much! except for me getting sick, the whole week was amazing! It turned out that I shouldn't have worried so much about missing school, because it really wasn't that bad. Most of my make up work I did on the airplane, so I really am not that far behind. In fact I'm all caught up except for a few quizzes that I have to make up. I hope u liked this workshop just as much as I did and I'm pretty positive that I want to go back in August again. Well ttyl

~Jenna 

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SEPT. 3, 03

- Dear Peter Sklar,

Hi! How are you doing?! I just wanted to write to you to tell you thank you! I had such a wonderful time! Everything was great and I learned so much.

Everyone was very nice too. The food was awesome, it was very neat to try some new foods.

We just got my photoshoots the other day and they turned out great. It is so hard to decide.

I was wondering how do you get an agent? Do they scout you out or can you go in for an interview. I would really like to pursue or get into acting more. Also just theater, singing, dancing, and acting. They are all so exciting!

Thanks again for everything I had a wonderful time! Have a great day and keep looking up!

Sincerely,
Johanna Slusser
(11)

4-19-03

Dear Peter,

Firstly I would just like to apologize for the promptness of my letter, I have been so busy that I could hardly find any time to write.

This is Jenni Ward from Truckee, California. In case you don't remember who I am, I was the girl that recited the JC Penny's monologue, and could hardly hear you half the time. I attended your three-day workshop in March. I would just like to thank you for the amazing time that I had. I am absolutely in Love with New York and I cannot wait to return this summer for your workshop in August. I will never forget the train ride, or the subway, but mostly my favorite part of all Times Square. The lights were the most incredible rush I have ever had, and the feeling that I felt in the city was the best memory that I could ever create.

I loved the "Man of La' Mancha" and the theater that we saw it in was incredible. I will never forget the sets and costumes because they were amazing. I also had the best time meeting all of the girls a few of which I am still in touch with. I know that you tried really hard to unravel me, but I have to admit that I learned a lot about you as well. You are a really interesting person, and I had a blast getting to know you and "your city."

As I end this letter I can only think of one thing: Thank You, Thank You, Thank you! I had the best trip that ever and I owe it all to you!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ward
Truckee, California

PS: I can't wait till the Summer Workshop!

Dear Peter,

As you might remember I came to you homesick and crying.

I would like to thank you so much for helping me, and being like the father for me.

I really needed someone to cry on, and comfort me! You helped me stay here, and not go home where my parents would get so mad at me!! I'm very glad I stayed here. This will definitely have an effect on me.

I'll be sure to IM you the computer, if I ever need help or advice! Thank you ^{for} everything!!!

Your doing a great time with your workshop! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING!!

LOVE,

Jaciyn Wavra

IM: Lilbiondie4ever8

September 1, 2003

Dear Peter Sklar,

I just want to thank you for inviting me to your August workshop. I had the best time of my life! I loved all my classes and I met a lot of new people. I expected the food to be a lot worse then it was. I liked most of the food that we had. When I came home from the workshop I went to the store and bought some rice milk, healthy cereal, and soon I plan on buying flax seeds. My dad printed two tofu recipes off the internet and I am planing on having it for dinner some night. I am eating a lot healthier now. I am eating lots of green veggies and limiting my sugar. I have never liked pop so all I drink is water. I have remembered all of the advice that you gave us during the workshop and it has helped me so much. My dancing, acting, and playing my flute have improved a lot since I have been home. I will never forget all of my teachers, and chaperones that helped me. The bonfire and the dance were so much fun! I had a great time and I will never forget it. I had the best time at the showcase. I loved being on stage and performing my monologue. I learned so much that week and had so much fun! I really appreciate it that you chose me to have this wonderful experience that I will never forget! Once again, THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!

Can you please send me Apple's address so I can write to her?

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Krista Juderjahn

April 10, 2003

Dear Peter,

Sorry it's taken me *sooooooo* long to write. I had such an **awesome** time, and every time I think about it I get so excited about this summer. ☺ I can't wait 'til summer!!!

I've been really **busy** with practice for the school musical everyday, my six dance classes and upcoming competitions, and auditions for the school dance team. But hey--- I'm a **CALIFORNIA** girl. I can handle it!

Oh, and did you know that 'Peter's Secret Formula' **definitely** works for dance auditions as well? You should copyright it, man. Wait, no... then I'd have to pay every time I use it. **hehe**

I made this *totally rad* collage of my ticket stubs, pictures, etc. from the March mini-camp. The only thing that could make my wall better would be a signed picture of Ewan McGregor. (or Ethan Embry...) OR Sean Biggerstaff. ***hint-hint***

Well, I hope all is well in the Sklar casa. Oh, and would there *happen* to be a purple Con-air hairdryer lying around? (compliments of my 'flawless' packing job) ... It happens to be my mom's and she happens to want it back (and is willing to pay shipping). Goodness-parents these days- so demanding! J/K, J/K!

I miss you, Daylyn, Jenn, and all the girls very much. Well, except for Chaundra... hehe. but, yay! June's on its way! I'm ready.



Kathy Lee

Subj: **Re: THANK YOU!!!!**
 Date: 1/21/2008 6:55:11 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
 From: PETERSKLAR
 To: cas@comcast.net

In a message dated 1/21/2008 6:35:38 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, cass@comcast.net writes:

Hi Peter!!!!!!

My name is Cassie, and I went to the New York workshop in August 2007. I'm very sorry this thank you is really late, but I just wanted to tell you what a great experience I had at the workshop! I think about it almost everyday!!!! I made so many wonderful friendships and met a crazy amount of talented people! I really learned so much about the industry and I've really added that to my acting and performing I do now. I really had an amazing experience I will never forget!

I also have a question for you and I would like your professional opinion about. On Friday the 18th, I went into Boston because I heard an advertisement on the radio about a company called Proscout. I had an interview with them and I got chosen to go to a weekend in March where I perform a monologue in front of 30-40 agents from NY, LA, Chicago, and several other major performing cities. After I perform, I will go around to every agent, meet them, and show them my pictures. At the end, they will read a list of people who the agents want. After, if you are wanted, you can choose who you want to sign with, and then your career will start (hopefully). The catch is that it is eight hundred dollars. I just want to know if you think it is worth it, because if I do do it, I will have to pay for it myself, which I am willing to do, but only if you think it is the real deal.

Thank you so much!

- Cassie

Hi Cassie- loved the comments. Thanks.

In my opinion, the operation you described is very misleading. That's not how you meet major agents in the real world. They don't advertise, even if indirectly, on the radio. They don't have to. And you don't pay hundreds of dollars- not a penny in fact- for interviews. Also, real agents are all SAG-(union) franchised. This means they're not allowed to participate in any sort of talent search for any sort of fees, or they'll lose their membership and potentially their license. Finally, even if some agents there are legitimate and are interested in you, how often can you travel to New York, Chicago and/or LA on a moment's notice for auditions? An actor who is not unconditionally available as needed is useless to a real agent.

The way this business works is you send head shots and resumes by mail to union agents in your local area. If they're interested, they'll call you, and then you have to be available basically 9-5 M-F for auditions.

To put it simply, anything that sounds as easy as what you described is designed to make money **from** you, (\$800), rather than making money **for** you by finding you legitimate representation.

Hope this helps.

-Pdawg

Start the year off right. [Easy ways to stay in shape in the new year.](#)

Monday, January 21, 2008 AOL: PETERSKLAR

Dear Peter,

Hello this was my first year as a Beginnings student, and I have to say I had a blast.

On Saturday June 9, 2001 the other students from Houston and I were supposed to be boarding the plane about to embark on the journey of a lifetime. Unfortunately due to harsh weather conditions we did not leave until the next morning. I thought about it all day Saturday, wondering if it was worth it, wondering if I really wanted to go. Sunday morning came and I still was unsure but as we were about to board the plane I knew it was something I really wanted to do!

When we arrived at Newark Airport and were met by the chaperones, which by the way were very nice, I was still a little nervous about the whole thing. I didn't know how I was going to deal with not being about to talk to my family for 10 days, if I was going to make friends, or how this whole thing was going to play out.

The first day was a little awkward, I didn't know anybody everyone else had already made friends but when we went to dinner I became instant friends with the other 15 girls in my cabin. We talked about their experiences on the first day, and how things were in Houston.

The first meal, which was dinner for me, was somewhat strange. I had been so used to eating junk foods that my body didn't really want it. I got through the first meal though, we went back to our cabins and I became even closer with my newly made friends.

Through the workshop I had three very important talks with you, mostly about eating. Though I cried in almost all of them I really learned a lot about my self. I always knew that I never ate a large amount of food during meals, I also knew that I haven't ever thrown up anything purposely after a meal. I'm not anorexic but I have learned that I might be at risk. I know I'm not fat, I also know that I am happy with the size that I am. I guess I'm afraid that if I eat anymore I will gain weight. I have to

thank you for having these talks with me. They really showed me that I am too hard on my self to get things perfect and I am trying to eat a little bit more at every meal. The whole experience for me was life changing, not only did it improve my acting ability and show me that reaching my dream is not that hard, but it improved my self esteem and helped me to grow as a person.

I wrote this letter to show you that you had an enormous effect on my life and I will never forget you for that. Beginnings was a once in a life time opportunity for some, but for me...I would definitely do it again! Thank you so much for inviting me on this journey. These ten days I ate food that I had and probably would not have eaten otherwise, I had a roller coaster of emotions, I learned whom I was, and most importantly I had a GREAT time! So thank you so much.

Respectfully yours,

Keri Stewart

Keri Stewart

Dear Peter,

I'm Kristin Young, 15 years old, I was at the June workshop. I wanted to thank you for inviting me to Beginnings and giving me the best experience of my life. Not only did I learn a lot about acting but I learned so much about myself. Everything we did there taught me something in some way. It was the valuable ten days a person could have. The people there were amazing, the chaperones had so much to share with us and the instructors really were excited to teach. Coming in with no acting experience I was really scared but after the first few days I felt so comfortable at Beginnings. I also thought that the self defense class was good to offer.

I wanted to write about my coach, Ken Schatz too. He was the greatest influence on me, Ken meant so much to me I was hoping you could please send me his address or some way I could contact him so I can thank him personally.

Thank you again for giving me this chance of a lifetime that I'll never forget and I hope I have the opportunity to come back.

Sincerely,
Kristin Young

Subj: **Re: You're a lousy advice-giver (is that even a word?)**
Date: 9/30/2004 1:30:09 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: m: y@ya. m
To: PETERSKLAR@aol.com

Hmmmm..... I obviously need to be more careful how I word things. Let me rephrase myself: I got grounded because what I did was pretty stupid - I know I'm not really dumb, but I still have my blond moments. I got this email survey from a friend that said once it had a thousand signatures it would go to a friend... and I signed my whole name and state. My mom was really steamed. I would have been grounded longer but she saw that it was an honest mistake and relented.

I miss you and Beginnings a lot too. You performed a nearly impossible feat...you taught me how to like asparagus and broccoli. 🍷 I'm pretty much on the garden-burger diet right now - 🍌 health cereal at breakfast and a garden burger at some other meal, then I make do with something sorta okay for the last one.

The one thing that made coming home easier was that immediately after, we started rehearsals for a community theater play...I missed tryouts but still got a role because I did so well with it last year. I'm finding it harder this year though. My instincts tell me to do one thing and the director tells me to do another... something exactly opposite of what my natural response to certain situations would be (As my character) It leaves me feeling somewhat frustrated, but I do it anyway.

Gotta go now. - Brianna Landon

PETERSKLAR@aol.com wrote:

Hi.

1. You're not stupid. Nor do you have anything in common with being stupid. You and being stupid are as similar as me and Jessica Simpson.
2. Getting grounded is a harmless learning experience. It's a cheap lesson in growing and learning to deal with authority.
3. I miss you.

-P 🤪

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Subj: **I've got a show tomorrow...**
Date: 10/12/2004 5:35:14 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: m zy@y. n
To: petersklar@aol.com

Hi, Peter!

I'm sooo excited! Tomorrow is our first performance - the children's matinee. The kids are always fun to perform for. I told you I have a role in a community theatre play, didn't I? Boy, am I excited... and nervous. I hope I do a good job! Don't want to let anybody down - the director is still dealing with people fumbling their lines, he doesn't need to be stressing about me.

I've been trying to apply the things I learned at your workshop, but that's easier said than done - my character has some strange blocking and stuff. I still have a lot to learn.

Later!

Brianna Landon

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Dear Peter,

9/02

Thanks alot for inviting me to a mini-workshop. I had so much fun! Everything was great, the city, cafe Mozarts, and even grocery shopping.

You can now rest easy knowing that I have helped reform a kid who once indulged her self with every thing thats bad. When I came home I dumped everything out of my cubboards - 4 garbage bags full. I found a decent health food store and stocked up on spelt, amaranth flakes, flax seed, almond butter, baked tofu, hummus, Boca burgers, substitute candy bars, soy milk, and organic fruits and veggies. And I have been eating my vegetables as I should. I drink alot of water but some of it is distilled and I need to find a way to remineralize it. (If you haven't figured it out yet, I am a terrible speller)

I am looking forward to the August workshop. I am going all out for the 1940's dance. I spent all week researching fabrics and colors - so it will be very authentic. I am busy working on my monologue.

- From a very thankful Person,
Lauren "Casey" Hayes

1-13-03

☺

Peter!

I am just writing to thank you again for all the opportunities I have had (and I hope to have) to stay and work with you at your house. Not only has my acting improved but my entire life has changed since my first mini-workshops.

This school year has been a new lease on life. Last year at school I had friends but I was just little shy Casey. This year my confidence has really shot through the roof, and I am not the only one noticing.

I am still trying to keep up the good food habits, and you should know that I carry two or three waterbottles with me to school everyday. No one should ever need to complain about the food because with the little effort I am putting forth, I feel really good. The best part is that my skin is perfect except for one possible pimple. When I am at your house I feel like a million bucks and my face is perfect - no need for makeup!

I can't wait to come back and work on more monologues and take classes with Robin.

I know I need to work on my improve with you. I really like going into the city and maybe we could go in during the day sometime? By the way, I am coming for my 15th birthday on April 14th

so you better be ready.

I'm talking an extra large slice of chocolate Mudd Cake from Mozart's! A slice of pizza wouldn't hurt either.

Future Academy

Award Winner:

Lauren Casey Hayes

Subj: **august workshop**
Date: 10/27/2007 8:23:27 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: icchoo.com
To: Petersklar@aol.com

Dear peter,

I just want to say thank you thank you thank you for the incredible august workshop! I learned so much; i never thought that i could do so much in 9 days! The only bad thing is my friends dont understand the whole acting thing. Most of them think that its just a flouncy thing for movie stars. At least I know its not! It s a lot of hard work, perseverance, and determination! Thank you again and It's possible that I will see you next summer!

--jake Levin

P.S. Could I please have the contact information for my two chaps eric and evan? Thanks!

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Subj: **Greetings!**
Date: 3/2/2005 12:04:36 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: sc .com
To: petersklar@aol.com

Hey Peter!

How are things with you? Great I hope! Sorry if you don't remember me, but I was an assistant for you last June and the year before that. Thank you again for the incredible experiences you gave me. I have learned so much these past two summers, that have greatly influenced my emotional behavior, physicalness, and my acting skills. I just wanted to tell you that I just finished up with our High School production of "Hello Dolly" where I got to be Dolly. It was so much fun!!! Right now we're doing "Your a Good Man Charlie Brown" where my sister Elise is Lucy and I'm Patty. What's awesome is both of us were casted in "Steel Magnolias" where I'm Mylnn and Elise is Shelby. We both just wanted to express our gratitude to you, and tell you thanks a bunch! Words cannot express how much of a happier person I have been; also to the fact that I'm happy with who I am and what I look like. I have learned to like my body, yet also work on being healthy and happy. Thank you again for the wonderful summers! I'd like to keep in touch with you if thats alright?

Thanks again,
Sincerely,

Lindsay Harding

Wednesday, March 02, 2005 America Online: PETERSKLAR

December 3, 2002

Dear Peter,

Thank you so much for inviting me to your house. It was so much fun. I'm sorry I wasn't able to come to your house during November or December. Right now I'm saving my money so I can go to the workshop. When I was at your house in October, I met so many wonderful people. You taught me so much about myself. When I came home everyone said I changed. I asked them how? They said you are even more prettier. That made me feel good about myself.

I remember we were in the health food store and it was a rainy day. You walked in the store and fell. You made a joke about how you were going to sue! He thought you were serious. I will never forget that. It was so funny.

I'm very happy that you offered me a spot as an assistant. I would like to be one. I will be sending my application and money next week. I can't wait to see you again. You are a funny and devoted person - I respect that.

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren White".

Lauren White

NOTE FROM MR. SKLAR: Lauren is 13 years old and from Wisconsin. She has attended both the regular nine-day Beginnings workshop and a recent "mini-workshop" last Columbus Day weekend at my home in Harrison, NY. Please call for her telephone number if you would like her, or her parents, to share more of her experience with you.

Subj: **Beginnings**
Date: 6/26/2006 11:08:15 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: petersklar@yahoo.com
To: petersklar@aol.com

Dear Peter,

I came to your workshop last year during the August session and I expected this session to be pretty much the same. I was completely wrong. It wasn't nearly as cold, the food was actually better, and I had different teachers. I really liked Boris's class and it was unlike anything I had ever done before. He taught me a lot about concentration, focusing, and the importance of commitment. I also really appreciated the help that my coach, Maggie Maes, gave me. She is one of the most amazing people I have ever met. She is so powerful in her acting and in her daily life. I was also impressed that she could teach me how to channel my own strength.

Thank you for everything that your incredible workshop has taught me, both times that I have attended. Hopefully I'll see you again!

Sincerely,

Louisa Williams

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Peter,

7/16/03

Thank you so much
for inviting me to your
house! I had so much
fun, and I can't
wait to see you at the
August workshop. I
learned so much from
you. Thank you!

-♡-
Marlena
Bowen

Thank You

Dear Peter,

I just wanted to take a moment to tell you what a great time I had at Beginnings. I had such a great time getting to know everyone there, and I was so amazed by the teachers! They were the best anyone could have asked for. Last night we rented Men In Black to see Boris in it. We were so exited. Hopefully I can see Jusan in Smokey Joe's Café soon. I feel so much more confident now knowing that I can defend myself thanks to Juni. And my monologue coach Terri was what I had hoped for, someone who would keep pushing me to my limits and help me really put myself in the place of the character. Tai Chi was definitely different and enjoyable, now I really know how to get in touch with my feelings and heal myself, too. And who would have thought that I would have a voice teacher that has been on Broadway and television?

When I first arrived at the camp I was a little worried about eating health food for ten days, but as you know we gave the cook a standing ovation! I can't believe how great eating healthy food, getting exercise and drinking the water made me feel. Talk about energy. It made my skin less oily, my nails grow, and I just felt overall healthier. Sure when I got home I had a huge cheeseburger, but I made my dad take me to the store and we bought health food and advantage bars. (I found the hard way that the brownie flavor is the only good one.) That night I made cous cous and vegetables for my family. And of course I am drinking my Vitasoy. I have to admit that cheeseburger made me feel like crap.

Because of the no make up, no contacts, no curling iron policy I was a little self conscious about my looks because I looked nothing like I usually do, but I was surprised at how friendly most people were. I made some great friends and I will keep in touch with them. I was also happy that I got to sing for you. Hopefully next year a can make a great video so I can sing at the showcase.

The rules and policies in the agreement scared me, but it turns out that even though the rules were enforced, the people were very nice. I especially thought the head chaperone would be mean, but now when I think about Kevin being a dislikeable person I laugh. The campsite was beautiful, the al pacas were so cute that I want one of my own, and the overall workshop was very beneficial to me and I think everyone there. Thank you for putting this camp I mean workshop (Ha Ha) on and for being so caring. Hopefully I will see you next year, and you better bring Jusan back!

Sincerely,
Melissa Callender- Cabin G5

Dear Peter/P-Dawg,

6126104

Hi. My name is Meghan Gaber and I just returned from my second year of attending the workshop. I have enjoyed your workshop very much and also loved meeting people like Tracy Edwards, Lawrence E. Street, and Sutton Foster. Not every kid gets the chance to attend such a wonderful place and meet such wonderful people and I am very proud to be one that does. My love for theater and my ambition to become an entertainer have both grown over the past year.

Last year I was just like every other kid that decided to go to the workshop. I was scared because I wasn't sure what to expect. I was afraid that I wouldn't be able to eat the food. I was worried that I wouldn't fit in. My fears disappeared though when I arrived and found that everyone was in the same boat as I was. So for all of the newcomers, there is really nothing to worry about and don't let the Agreement scare you.

I am finally getting used to eating tofu and drinking soy milk. My diet has changed for the better in the past year and I have stopped drinking soda/pop.

I also enjoy meeting new people at the workshops. I have gained many new friendships, including one of the best that I have ever had. It is weird to say this, but I felt at home this last workshop and never really had any strong cravings for the outside world.

So, I would like to thank you for giving me the chance to have such an experience. I hope to return to the workshop next summer and enjoy more of your great sense of humor. From now on, I will think of you and the workshop whenever someone mentions tofu and I smell the "wonderful" scent of cigar smoke.

- Meghan Gaber, 15

Meghan Gaber

DEAR PETER,

Thank you so much for opening your house to me on the Presidents' Day mini workshop! I had lots of fun working with you and Roger Simon.

Being from Florida, I especially loved getting stranded for an extra day under 2 feet of snow! 😊 I can't wait to come to Beginnings this summer in June. I also am looking forward to possibly coming to another mini workshop soon! Thanks a bunch! 😊

Love,

Mary Alin
Diqui ♡

Subj: (no subject)
Date: 7/8/2004 9:27:24 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: la [redacted] 579@hotmail.com
To: PETERSKLAR@AOL.COM

Hello Mr. Sklar (Pdawg) This is Michael Juarez and I just finished a session at Beginnings this June and it was awesome! It was really fun and I learned alot of new stuff that I will use in the future. So, I would like to thank you for that. Also, I need some direction in what I should do now. I was wondering if you have any advise on how I can get exposure from Omaha and my parents said that they are willing to help me get to auditions. Please, advise me. Once again thank you for this great experience and I hope that I can go again.

REPRESENT!!

Michizzle- I'm not sure if that name works for me

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Dear Peter,

This past year has been quite exciting, and it all started with "Beginnings." You put together a great week full of positive motivation and encouragement. I have now decided that I would like to pursue an acting career sometime in the future.

A couple of months ago I was asked by the principal of my school to represent the Fine Arts department in Cleveland magazine and choose a teacher that has positively motivated me in the arts. I chose my music teacher because she was able to convince me that it would be really stupid to give up the flute, something that I had already put four years of work into. I feel that I owe her a lot for getting me to realize my true potential. I have enclosed a copy of the article, it appeared in the big March issue of the magazine, but this is only the education flyer.

Thank you again for putting together a program like "Beginnings." Last year I was afraid to audition for plays, this year I have auditioned for two. I only made one but I can't wait for another opportunity to audition for something. I can't wait to come back to "Beginnings" this summer, last year I was nervous not knowing what to expect, this year I'll know that I am in for a fun week full of work and cool teachers!

Sincerely,

Meghan McHale
Meghan McHale

Subj: **hey peter**
Date: 9/2/2007 11:54:38 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: Carmen Moscarillo
To: PETERSKLAR

Dear Peter,

The beginnings workshop in august was amazing! ever since I feel like a completely new person! I've been eating healthier, feeling better, more confident, and just a better person. When I'm home I feel happier than before, and just nicer. I wanted to thank you for giving me this opportunity. The teachers were amazing! Each teacher brought something new for me to learn. Boris L., my coach helped me so much. He encouraged me to do better, helped me out at each part of the monologue. Elizabeth Rothan and Maggie Mae's class taught me relax, stretch, breath, warm-up your articulators, and more. It was truely a life changing experience for me.

thank you very much,

Carmen Moscarillo

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Sunday, September 02, 2007 AOL: PETERSKLAR

Dear Peter,

Hi! How are you? I just wanted to thank you for inviting me to your mini-workshop this past holiday. I gained a lot from the experience, not just as an actress, but as an individual as well.

The classes with Terri & Daniel were amazing & the individualized commerial work we did was also a plus. Thank you for a wonderful experience!

~~S~~ always,
Makenzie Roth

Dear Mr. Sklar,

I would first like to say thank you for the wonderful time I had at Beginnings Workshop this year. Again! I have so much fun up there around all the kids that are just as interested in the fine arts as I am. Might I also say that while I am there I feel better than at home because the food just makes me feel so good. I feel more refreshed when I wake up in the morning and more awake when I go to sleep. I was really satisfied during my time at the workshop once again.

Thank you for inviting me to a mini workshop at your house during July. Unfortunately due to scheduling reasons I am not able to attend. I really wish I could, but I am studying at the Piven Theater Conservatory in Evanston during the entire month. I am the only incoming freshman to participate in this high school class!

Once again thank you for the wonderful time I had at the workshop and please invite me back to your house for a mini workshop as I am very interested.

Sincerely,
Madeline Tolle

*PS. I was just cast in The King & I
with Music on Stage in Palatine, Ill.*

Subj: **I did it.**
Date: 3/19/2008 9:43:41 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: okydok@... .com
To: petersklar@aol.com

Yo Pskizzle.

I just found out that I'm gonna be in the Original Broadway Cast of Billy Elliot.

I did it.

Thanks for everything.

-Tessa Netting

Subj: **THANK YOU!**
Date: 9/9/2008 11:48:55 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: okydok@... .com
To: PETERSKLAR@aol.com

Yo Ptiz (or as I say Pskizzle)

I just wanted to email you and thank you SOOOOOOO much for everything you have done for me. Beginnings was just amazing, there is no other way to put it. It seriously changed my life and I am not lying or trying to suck up or be a cheeseball. I'm dead serious. Fo sho. Haha. The teachers, the people, the chaps, I LOVED THEM ALL! Everything was just a freakin' EXPLOSIONNNNNN of experience and of course FUNNN. I FINALLY GOT TO TAKE SOME ACTING CLASSES! YAY! It ROCKED being in an environment with peeps as crazy as I was. Haha. And the food wasn't that bad. I never thought I would have said that about tofu...hmmm...or alpacas. Haha. Thanks to Beginnings (not to be confused with Endings, Haha) I now know how to approach a monologue and other valuable info for auditions that I did not know and I wished I knew before. I can have TONS of fun with improv now that I know how to actually do it right. Now I got the inside scoop. Woot woot. I've made so many new friends and have learned so much that will not only help me in theatre but in life as well. Also, I appreciate my family more and all the stuff that I have. The showcase was AWESOME! YAY more performing. Any chance to perform is a gift. Thanks for that. Well, I am now more connected with myself and realized that I want to make musical theatre a serious part of my life and NOTHINGG is gonna stop me.

I THANK YOU!!! (and your sheep)

-Tessa Netting

Oh and could you give me the email address for Mariee Brown (my chap) and Mark Weston. I would greatly appreciate it! :D

peace & lOve<3

Hey, Peter!

Sat., 5:45pm 8/16/03
From - Paulina

I heard about the power thing in NY. Wow. You must be really stressed out about Beginnings/August. Is it still goin'? All the parents must be totally freaked-out. Poor You! Hehe. I'm really sorry 'bout it all!

Well about me... On Monday I have an interview w/ an agency Corinne set up for me. (My acting coach) Ohhh, and Corinne did my headshots for me. They're really nice... I'll send you one soon w/ my resumé. Right now, I'm at a workshop at Corinne's studio w/ a big Miami casting director. She's really nice... and she's talked about scams and everything. We do on-camera commercials (spell check) ^{here} and I've learned alot from watching myself. On camera, I mean. You should do on-camera stuff at your minis! Its totally helped me.

So... what else... I've started school, I had all the same classes as my bff, which was really exciting cause Just curious how you're doing! we've never had all the same classes, but you know the school board, they're poop-heads and they changed her schedule. Grrrr. So now, we have all but 2 classes together, but one of the classes we don't have together is MATH, and we should have math cause maths boring and what am I gonna do during math w/o Courtney?? Ya, I couldn't come up w/ anything either.

Oh, and when you come... to FL, I mean... you're coming to see Return of the King w/ me. I'll ↓

drag you there from your hotel room. And don't you DARE say 'what is ROTK?' Hmmm, maybe... Lotr 3???

And don't forget Pirates 2! Oh, I to-get! My friend Minh, he's so awesome, he went to Disney World, and he got me a 'Pirates' Orlando Bloom poster! Its awesome! Oh oh oh oh oh yeah and then, and then... well this is before that, but I sent a letter to Orlando a while ago and I got one of those tacky printed "autographed" pics (Legolas), but hey, it was exciting. Workin' on that 'real' autograph for me? Hehe. Well, I'm runnin' out of room so I'll say bye now!

Muah!
Paulina
G- ha ha



Subj: **hello!!**
Date: 8/30/2006 8:46:17 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: m...@...mail.com
To: petersklar@...oi.com

Hi Peter this is Molly Rabuffo. I just wanted to tell you that I really am amazed at the experience that I had at Beginnings. Although throughout the week I really missed my family and was not sure if I would make it, in the end I found that it was worth it. I learned so much and I know that I am going to feel so much better and eat healthier!! I have been drinking so much more water now just because of the new habit. and more fruit. I now eat *spelt* pasta, too! I am also wondering if you can give me Jeremy Bobb's email address. If you can, thank you!!

Again, thanks for the great experience!
~Molly

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Rini Bell

New Orleans, La. 70118

Peter Sklar
16 Second Avenue
Pelham, NY 10803

Dear Mr. Sklar,

The Beginnings workshop was one of the most memorable experiences of my life. The individual and group training I got there and the incredibly supportive atmosphere I received it in have helped me enormously, both in developing as an actor and as a person. I am very thankful for this experience and would gladly recommend it to anyone who is serious about becoming an actor. Thank you for putting together such a wonderful program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rini Bell". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop in the "R" and a long, sweeping tail on the "l".

Rini Bell

Subj: **(no subject)**
Date: 7/19/2006 5:57:05 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: kar@u.com
To: petersklar@aol.com

Dear P-tizzle (haha),

Thank you so much for the opportunity that you gave me at Beginnings. I learned alot of acting techniques along with some great audition/resume tips. I also had a fun time in the dance classes. I enjoyed working with my coach, Ms. Pawl. I enjoyed all of the food...except the orange tofu, but everything else was pretty good. Not to many people my age get to experience this type of program and training and I loved it. I can't wait to continue acting, dancing, and singing. Actually, a while back I received a free tuition to the Dallas Summer Musicals 3-week program. I am keeping up with everything I learned in NY. I received the mini workshop and next years summer program forms in the mail. Thank you!! I did ask my parents about the mini workshops, but right now we don' t have the money for me to go to New York. Maybe after the first of the year, things will have turned around, allowing me to do one of the mini workshops later in the year. I really hope that sometime soon, I get to go up to NY for coaching. Thanks again, I had so much fun!!!

Mikelle Rindfish

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Rachael Marin

July 21, 2003

Peter Sklar
Director
Beginnings
153 Webster Avenue
Harrison, NY 10528

Hey Peter,

I'm sure you remember me, I attended your Beginnings workshop during the week of June 9th. I loved everything about the workshop, the teachers you recruited, and the amazing "special guests" you invited to help train us. I learned so many new things that help me even in everyday life.

The atmosphere was beautiful and the energy when I would enter a room was amazing. Thank you for letting me be a part of this fantastic learning experience.

During one night at dinner you showed us an allergy face scrub and said to contact you after the workshop to find out the website at which you could order this. If you could write or call me back with the website I would greatly appreciate it.

Attached is a copy of my resume, if you could take a look at it and give me your thoughts, I would be much obliged. Also, I know your agreement says that students need to reside in the New York area permanently or for at least two full months. I just wanted to tell you that my grandmother lives in Manhattan and that we visit often. At any time for any length of time, I am able to stay with her. Therefore, if you feel that this situation works and any agents/managers have expressed an interest in me feel free to let me know.

Lastly, could you please send me the phone numbers of the G-5 chaperones, Erin Mitchell and Nicole Vega, as I would love to keep in touch with them.

I look forward to hearing from you, and I would like to thank you for your time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Rachael Marin

Rachael Marin

Dear Peter,

I want to thank you for everything you have done for me this summer. Everything at the June workshop was great, the food, classes, and all of the instructors and students. As an assistant, I learned a lot and met a bunch of great people. When I received the agreement, you warned me that the hours would be long and the work would be tough. Indeed, they were, but it was all worth it. It was cool meeting kids from all over the country and hearing each region's accents.

I really had an awesome time in the City when you took us assistants on a walk. It was great being able to walk around a while and see parts of New York that I had never seen before.

I appreciate you allowing me to come as an assistant, as I probably would not have been able to come otherwise. I hope to come back up to New York and work some more with you. Thank you again for everything.

Love,
Rachel McIntyre

* Hey Dr. Tofo!

4/29/03

I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the mini-workshop! I learned so much about myself and realized how much I still have to learn and get in touch with my feelings. I went through a sort of Revelation I never have had any acting classes or anything so this was a way for me to realize if this is really what I want to do as a career - and after talking with you and doing monologues, talking about the "secret formula", and doing the role play I realized that it really is what I want to do. I also realized that whenever I'm nervous or anything I just have to know what I'm feeling and not just cover it up by smiling! Anyway... nightly trips to Mozarts were awesome and provided us with the sugar we needed! And even sitting listening to Eddie play his clip from Animal House! haha - and hearing you play the piano and singing along was tons of fun! Going into the city to see Gypsy was such a treat and the show was great! The LMO ride on my last night was fantastic and you got to get a taste of our music! ☺

Thanks for everything Peter! can't wait till next time!

♥, Rebecca*
*OTT

10/21/03

HEY PETER :)

I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate you spending time to help me with my career and find out more about myself. My last visit helped me so much and I think about how I am feeling more frequently. Coming up to your house always makes me feel so much better, because it is a nice little get away where I can hang out with my friends and learn more about acting all at the same time!! YAY!!

I got back to Richmond and told everyone that I knew not to go see Lost in Translation! It got 4 stars in our paper!! I was telling everyone that it was not worth their time!! Bill Murray was good, but other than that... it stunk!

I'm not quite sure when I will be coming back up there, because I'm going to be in Florida for Thanksgiving and I'm going on a ski trip with this bible study thing that I'm in during New Years.. but I have talked to my parents and they are willing to let me come up whenever you are home and having a few people up for a mini-workshop like last time.

Well I just wanted to thank you for everything, and tell Kim, Erin and Lindsay that I said hello!! And enjoy the pictures of the fabulous four!! ☺

Loveee, Rebecca Ott

♥ Rebecca Ott *

I know you miss these cheeks ☺

Dear Mr. Peter Sklar,

I can't tell you how much I enjoyed this past June, New York Workshop. I learned so much about what I need to do to become an actor. All the lessons were fun, usefull, and challenging. I was very excited to recieve an invitation to a mini-workshop, but ~~I~~ can't come to any of them. I am dissapointed that I have previous plans for all of the dates. I can't decide whether ~~I~~ should do the London or NY workshop. Maybe, there will even be a Hollywood option. No matter which I decide to go to, I am very much looking forward to one of your workshops next year. Thanks so much for providing me with this great opportunity.

Vincent Schueren

P.S. - Please excuse any misspelled words.
It's summer break.

AOL 9/3/06

Baby [1:12 P.M.]: hey peter its dann schwartz!
Baby [1:13 P.M.]: i kno u dont answer to im's so im just gonan email u
"Peter Sklar" [1:13 P.M.]: k
"Peter Sklar" [1:13 P.M.]: Ha! I answered
Baby [1:13 P.M.]: ahh!
Baby [1:13 P.M.]: omg....the first time in forever!
"Peter Sklar" [1:13 P.M.]: Yeah, well, I never know who people are when they IM
Baby [1:14 P.M.]: well i introduced myself...pretty smart eh?
"Peter Sklar" [1:14 P.M.]: Just comes up a screen name- often bad stuff
"Peter Sklar" [1:14 P.M.]: Yes
Baby [1:14 P.M.]: tru true
Baby [1:14 P.M.]: ok...well i just wanted to let you know a few things...but give me a sec cuz its a lot
Baby [1:16 P.M.]: ok....well---i really enjoyed your workshop...i mean i kno a lot of kids say that stuff but im SO serious....i remeber when i got home the nigh when u picked me i looked through that huge packet of letters and stuff...and it said how ur workshop had changed kids lives and all this stuff....i thought wow this is pretty hardcore buti never really knew what it all meant
Baby [1:16 P.M.]: but now after going through it....
Baby [1:18 P.M.]: i completly understand---i mean...ever since ive been home all ive been doing is singing caboret an doing christina rite's combinations and ashley feif's chitty chitty bang bang dance and all of this stuff and i completly understand what those letters meant....and let me tell u it has changed my life
Baby [1:18 P.M.]: and ive been eating healthier too!
Baby [1:18 P.M.]: i didnt pig out when i got home....just had a little goodies---:-P
Baby [1:19 P.M.]: but i just wanted to say thanks....for your wonderful experience and letting me be a part of it....it has truely been a privelege getting to kno all the amazing people and being a part of such a theatrical enviorment and i honestly feel i have grown as a person
Baby [1:21 P.M.]: and i really really needed to tell u that....i had the time of my life....i try to explain it to my friends and family---and they just wont every R-E-A-L-L-Y get it...because they havent been through it...as hard as they try
Baby [1:21 P.M.]: and thats it....
Baby [1:21 P.M.]: u can respond now---im finished :-P
"Peter Sklar" [1:22 P.M.]: I understand, and I have enormous respect for you to make these realizations- and to share them.
Baby [1:22 P.M.]: gracias
"Peter Sklar" [1:23 P.M.]: So- I'm in the middle of a mini, but maybe we'll talk more soon.
Baby [1:23 P.M.]: totally!
Baby [1:23 P.M.]: have fun tizz
"Peter Sklar" [1:23 P.M.]: l8a
Baby [1:23 P.M.]: haha

January 23, 2003

Peter Sklar
153 Webster Avenue
Harrison, NY 10528

Dear Peter,

I am just letting you know I enjoyed the Mini Workshop I attended on Thanksgiving weekend. Robin Selfridge was great, I enjoyed that Improv class. I learned a lot. The coaching sessions from you were very productive. I enhanced what I learned from you in the previous Mini Workshops I've attended.

I enjoyed meeting all the new people from nearby and around the country. We still keep in touch.

Every time I go I learn more about improving my acting skills and I get a lot out of the coaching you give us.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Sincerely,


Stephanie Darmofalski

Subj: **(no subject)**
Date: 6/21/2007 2:06:44 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: shac
To: petersklar@aol.com


Hey Peter! It's Christy Selagy. I just want to thank you for letting me come to Beginnings. It was the best thing ever! I had so much fun! I was surprised by how good most of the food was. I thought I was going to hate it but I actually liked it! In fact, yesterday my mom and I went to a local health food store and got rice milk, soy milk, spelt bread and a bunch of other stuff. And I loved the Alpacas so much! My cabin (G-3) was totally obsessed over them! You probably notice because of our cabin song/cheer.
I was also wondering if I could my chaperone's email, Sandra Haack and Krista Nichols.
Thanks again!

~Christy

Dear Peter,

I recently attended your Beginnings workshop (Aug.) and I just want to tell you what a fabulous time I had. It was the best experience of my whole life. One of the first things I said to my parents when I got home was, "I want to go back so bad." Many people have told me that Beginnings is the best program of it's kind in the country, and I feel proud and lucky to have attended it. I learned so much over the nine days that I can't even begin to explain it to you. The knowledge I gained wasn't just about acting it was about being able to deal with your emotions on and off stage. It was having to get along and live with fifteen other girls my age for more than a week. It was being surrounded by people who understood what acting meant to me. On the last night of the workshop my whole cabin cried the hardest we ever have. Even though I only saw the girls of B-4 for nine short days, we are friends for life. I know people that went to Beginnings very shy and to themselves, when they went home I'm sure their parents were astounded because of their child's self confidence and bubblieness. You and the great instractors really bring out the best in people. Thank you so much, Peter.

With everlasting love for Beginnings,

Stefanie Isley 

Stefanie Isley

Dear Peter,

9/01

Hey it's me, Sarah Sheppard! How's it going? Great here in Houston the land of heat and Concrete! hehe! Well the school breaks are coming up and I wanted to schedule an appointment with you for the fall of 2001 and the summer of 2002. I have several school breaks and I'm always flexible. I could come any or all breaks. It's totally up to how much time you have available to work with with me. My breaks include:

Oct. 4-8th

Nov. 16-25th Thanksgiving

Dec. 19-Jan. 7th Christmas

March 8-12th Spring Break

April 25-30th Easter

I would like to spend time with you in the summer of 2002. I received your invitation to return to the Workshop in 2002. You can bet I will attend. My application and deposit will be sent by my parents. The only time I can't come during the summer of 2002 is June 23rd - July 5th because I go to Ashville every year. Please let me know what dates are best for you so I can start planning now. I'm sure you will hear from my sister soon. We would like to come together. Thanks a billion!

Miss Yai Sarah Sheppard

Subj: (no subject)
Date: 9/9/2006 8:41:43 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: Tif
To: [PETERSKLAR](#)

Dear Peter,

Hi Peter, my name is Tiffany Martins. I just want to thank you for giving me such a wonderful experience at beginnings. Words can't even explain how much more confident I am. Being at beginnings made me realize I can accomplish so much more. At first, I was a little nervous and questioned how well I would do. But after taking Maggie Maes classes and all the teachers I had (Lee, Constance, Linda, Athena, and etc.) made me feel so good about beginnings. I love it there. I even loved the food. The dance was so much fun. I even won the best outfit in my cabin G5. I made so many friends. But more important I realized what I can accomplish as an actress. At the showcase, I thought I was going to be so nervous going on stage, but I wasn't nervous at all I was actually excited. I was complemented by my family and friends. I finally overcame my fear of stage fright, I owe it all to the amazing staff at you're workshop. Once again, I thank you Peter for the experience. Well, thanks to you're amazing workshop I was accepted for personal classes at my local theatre (Paper Mill Playhouse). I'm even thinking of starting dance classes. I was wondering if I could please have my chap's email addresses Monica Green and Sara Bennette. If its not to much to ask can I also have Lee stringers email and Maggie Maes. I hope to hear from you soon.

With Love,
Tiffany Martins

January 19, 2003

Dear Peter,

I really enjoy your Mini Workshops, not only because they've helped me become an improved actor, but because they're fun too. Your mini acting workshops have really helped me with my monologue reading.

Every time I have to read a monologue for an audition, I think of your secret formula. I'd be lost without it. You have great guests, like Robin, who teach improvisation and other types of acting. I've noticed that many people have some trouble with improvisational acting, including me, but Robin helped me out.

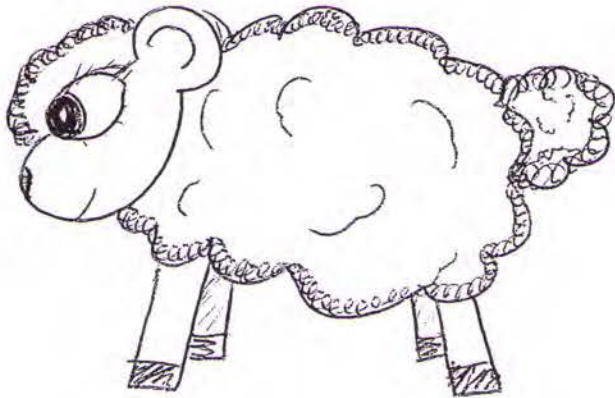
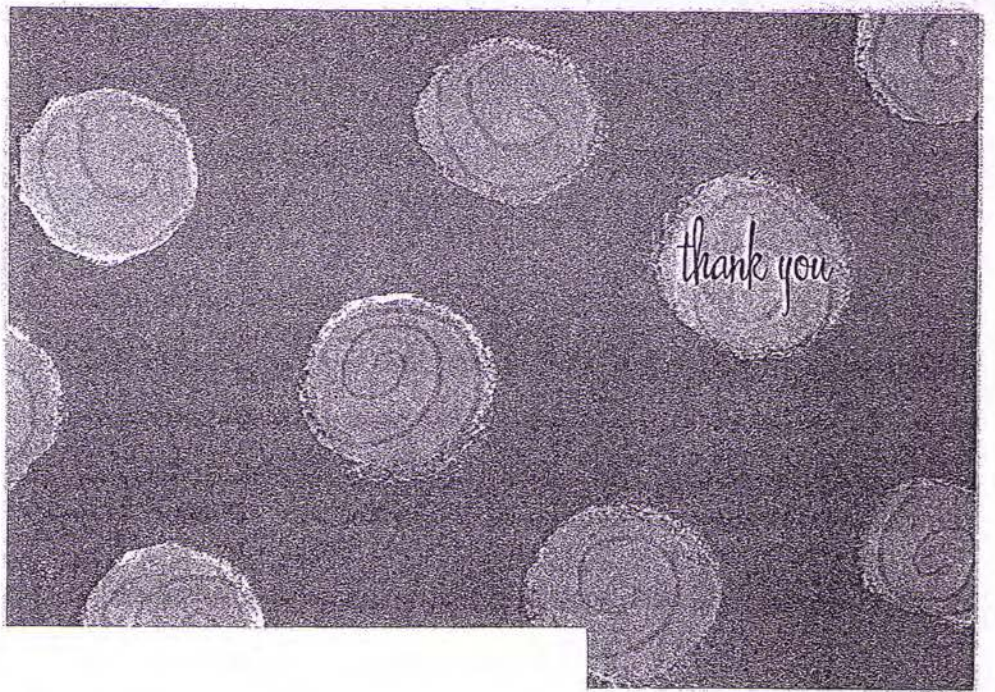
At school I see the same people every day and that gets very boring. I always know when I come to one of your workshops I'll meet someone new and interesting. In addition, it's always fun to learn from someone new.

It was enjoyable when we rode the train into Manhattan and then got off at Grand Central Station. The kids who've never been to New York really enjoyed it, and so did I. I especially liked it when we went to the Marriott Hotel. When we rode the glass elevators to the top and then back down to the restaurant where we ate. The food there was inexpensive and tasted first-rate.

The food at the mini workshops is a lot better than at the summer workshop, and since I like fish, was easy for me to eat.

I don't mind being the only boy. I like really enjoy working with the other kids, because they're actors just like me.

From, Tanner



Dear P-Dawg,

I apologize for it taking me so long getting these pictures to you. My mother tells me it is, "better late than never." I want to thank you for your hospitality at the December mini workshop. I had a blast and I learned a lot! I hope to be able to come to another workshop soon. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sydney Wilson

Subj: **(no subject)**
Date: 9/7/2007 4:52:17 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: Li, Peter
To: PETERSKLAR

Hi Peter,

I just wanted to let you know that the beginnings workshop was a great experience for me. The classes were really good and the teachers were awesome. Although I'm not exactly the biggest fan of tofu, i really did like the workshop. Also, my chaperone said that they weren't supposed to give out their information to us, and that if we wanted it we had to ask you for it and i would like to keep in touch with my chaperones because they were really nice, so i was wondering if you could give me there information. Thankyou for a great learning experience and loads of fun.

Sincerely,
Lauren Yocum

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

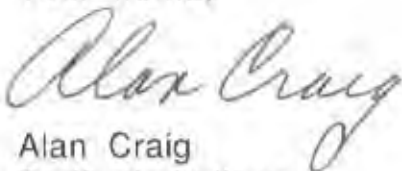
Peter:

I want to thank you for letting me participate in Beginnings. I had a marvelous time, and I can honestly say that I learned alot and had an enjoyable time doing so. Never have I ever had so much fun and experience in just one week.

When you first selected me as one of your 'chosen few', I admit I was a bit ~~skeptic~~. However, after realizing that one must take chances in order to succeed in this business, I immediately changed my way of thinking and literally begged my parents to let me go. Fortunately for me, they saw it my way.

I sincerely feel that you, Peter Sklar, deserve a medal for your time, your effort, your honesty, and needless to say, your brilliance with children and young talent. Thank you so much for everything, Peter. Beginnings is definately one workshop I'm proud to have on my resume. I'm looking forward to returning in June.

Your friend,

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

Alan Craig
Bedford, Indiana

Dear Peter,

Just a note to say thank you for the invitation to the mini workshop in London. It sounds like another 'once in a lifetime' experiences to grow from. Unfortunately, I am unavailable that week as I will be performing in the School musical 'Pippin'. Please send more information on anymore upcoming workshops!

Thank you for all that you have done!

Love,

Allison Ott

P.S. Thanks for the health update on Xylitol! I love it! And so does the rest of the family.



Dear Peter Sklar:

When I was accepted to go to your workshop in August, it opened doors to a lot of new things for me. I gained a lot of confidence when attending your workshop. At first I was skeptical of going all the way to New York on my own. I never really actually been that far from my parents before, and I'm currently just 16. Peter Sklar, you took good care of all of us who attended your workshop in August. I took a many different acting classes and enjoyed them all. My instructors taught many things to me that I couldn't learn from the area I'm from. You were very good at making everyone feel at home. I also met a lot of different people. More people that I've in over one year.

The instructors you picked seemed very qualified in what they were doing and would be successful teaching anyone who is willing to participate in your Beginnings Program.
Thank you for letting me participate in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Alisha Wheeler

Subj: **the workshop**
Date: 8/29/2006 9:55:14 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: bell: [comcast.net](mailto:bell@comcast.net)
To: petersklar@aol.com

Hi Peter!

It's Belle Cushing. I just wanted to write and tell you that I loved the workshop. It was definitely very different from anything I've ever done, but I loved the feeling that everything I was doing was productive and good for me. I was eating healthy, improving my body, my mind, my skills and it was great. I especially loved my classes. I'd have to say Constance's Scene Study and Maggie Maes's classes were my favorites. I learned so much about my acting and even more about myself. The V.I.P. instructors were amazing, especially Liz McConahay, who was my favorite.

The workshop really inspired me to get more involved in acting and performing. I really want to do something about my dreams, more than just community theater. I'm going to continue dance, which I had quit, and then send in my resume to repertory theaters in Boston nearby. Speaking of which, I'm not sure how to set up my resume. Could you possibly give me some advice about that? Especially how I should write this workshop and off-broadway performance on it.

I'd also like to talk with you about options for my future. I'm considering going to a drama school, or just going to a liberal arts college and taking theater there, and also what I can do in the meantime, between now and college. I was also wondering if I could have some of my instructors' e-mail addresses. It would be great to get Constance Boardman's, Maggie Maes's and Mark Weston's. Thanks!

Thank you so much for that opportunity. I know G7 wasn't always the most optimistic and happy cabin, but I loved the workshop all the way through. Please let me know about mini workshops. I was invited before, but couldn't attend any of the ones last year, so if I could go this year, that would be great.

Thanks for everything,
Belle Cushing

P.S. What kind of rice did you serve at the workshop? Not the wild rice, the other stuff.

Subj: **aug workshop student**
Date: 9/19/2006 9:47:19 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: Xc :X
To: PETERSKLAR

Dear Peter,

I cant believe I'm saying it, but I really miss the workshop. I miss the classes and all the great people I met there, but not the food haha. (it wasnt that bad) I just wanted to let you know that it was probably one of the hardest and most rewarding week of my life. Performing in New York was AWSOME. I just recived your letters and my head shots a couple of days ago (they came out really good). - I just wanted to say hi and thank you for everything.

-Jackie Brennan

Subj: **hi there**
Date: 7/4/2006 1:14:28 A.M. Eastern Standard Time
From: ce [redacted] hotmail.com
To: petersklar@aol.com

Sir Pdawg

Hi! Wow...I never expected it to take me this long to email you after the workshop, but things have been really busy around here. Ive been doing tech work for a play my little brother is in, plus 4 or 5 voice lessons a week to get ready for competitions, so I havn't had much time to myself! Anyway, I just wanted to thank you for the AMAZING time I had at the June '06 workshop!!! I think that I can safely count those 10 days as some of the most memorable of my life. I learned so much about performing, show buisness, and myself. And I made a bunch of great friends that I hope to have for a very long time (go G4!!!). So, once again, thank you for everything! Hope to see you again soon!

-Caitlin Wees
Albuquerque, NM

P.S. Give the sheep my best wishes.

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September 7, 2003

Dear Peter,

Thank you so much for inviting me to Beginnings. I am 16 years old and I attended the workshop in August. I had a great time and I learned so much. All of my classes were really challenging, especially Where Eagles Dare with Roger Hendricks Simon and Audition Technique with Daniel Hendricks Simon. Those two classes really helped me with my monologue, and I needed a lot of help because I had never done a monologue before. I was wondering if you could please send me Daniel's address. He was my monologue coach and I would really like to thank him for all his help.

I loved the 1920's dance! It was so much fun! The music and costumes were great, and the dancing was so much fun!

I also really enjoyed jazz class with Takisha Williamson. She taught us a lot of great choreography and some exercises to improve balance and flexibility. I came to Beginnings hoping to become a better dancer and I thought that her class helped me a lot. Please send me her address also.

I know that everything I learned in all my classes will make me a better performer overall in whatever I do. I'm so glad that I had this opportunity.

I also learned so much about nutrition and how to be a healthier person. I still eat flax seeds everyday, drink a lot of water, and I have cut way down on my sugar.

Thank you again for inviting me to Beginnings! ☺

Sincerely,
Colleen Bowen

Subj: **Thank You!**
Date: 9/6/2004 1:04:38 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: @juno.com
To: petersklar@aol.com

Hi Peter,

I just wanted to write to thank you for all of the opportunities that you have given me. I enjoyed your workshop so much and it opened new doors for me and changed my outlook on so many different things. You have shown me that its ok to be who you really are and that you don't have to act fake for anybody. I loved working with all of the different special guests and coaches. Everyone was so nice and taught me so many things. One of my favorite classes was Mark Weston's Play Write class. This was a surprise to me because I never liked writing before but he made it so fun and I learned so much. Another class I loved was Boris Leskin's acting class. I really liked doing all of the improv situations. Before the workshop I never really thought of getting into acting again. I was dancing, which I liked but now I love acting. I can't wait to attend some auditions and try to get a career started. I just wanted to let you know that I really loved working with you and that I would love to work with you again sometime. I would really be interested in going to a mini workshop. Also, next year if there was any way I could I would LOVE to be a chaperone. I looked up to my chaperone, Rory, so much and I would love to go as a chaperone if you think that I could be. Please keep in touch if you have any interest in working with me again... Thank you for everything,

Sincerely,
Colin Farrington

P.S. If you could please send me Rory's e-mail address that would be great! Thanks

Philo, OH 43771
Sept. 8, 1999

Peter Sklar
16 Second Ave
Pelham, NY 10803

Dear Peter,

Bill had a wonderful time at the workshop. I was amazed at the change in him in just ten days. He has definitely grown in maturity, self-discipline, and self-confidence. I can't recommend your workshop highly enough.

Sincerely,
Chris Fulk



Jan 2, 2002

Dear Peter,

Thank you so much for writing me a letter of recommendation. You wrote a wonderful letter, and your kind words meant a lot to me. I would also like to thank you for all that you have taught me in the months I have been working with you. I have learned just as much, if not more, from you than in any classroom I have ever stepped foot. You have taught me not only about acting, but about health, life, and most importantly myself. Since working with you, I have developed a confidence that I never knew I possessed. I have



become much more involved in school, and have taken on many leadership roles. I am no longer afraid to speak what is on my mind. At this point, life couldn't be better, and I attribute a part of that to you.

Once again Thank You so much for being a wonderful teacher, and for writing me an excellent letter of recommendation. I look forward to working with you in the future.

♡
Caitlin Joiselle

Hi Peter,

Thank you so much for a) the mini-workshop. I had such a good time, and it really exposed me to actual acting training which I don't get much of in my school. Plus, it has really pushed me forward, and I want you to know that my desire is definitely stronger than my fear... and b) for sending my book to me. That was really nice of you, and I would have been missing it for school tomorrow...

I talked to my mom about assisting this summer, and she said that she will call you to discuss. I really hope I can do it.

Hope you are well!

Thanks,

Belle Cushing

Peter

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You know what? You didn't bring Grunter to the workshop - I was a little disappointed! He would have been some serious entertainment! You'll just have to do it even more next time we all come.

Well, you still haven't added yourself to AOL instant messaging. You really should - I talk to all the mini-workshop girls on there all the time!

If you do, I'll talk to you on there soon!

- Christy Walton -

P.S. - Tell Don I said hi!!

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so much for giving me the
opportunity to attend Beginnings
this summer! all of my
teachers were amazing and
I learned so much. I also
enjoyed hearing the guest
speakers and working with
them. Hopefully I can use
everything I learned to
start my career & bring me
closer to New York or LA.
Once again thanks so much
for the opportunity to
go to the workshop and
I will keep in touch!

Sincerely,

Delana
McGregor

.1/01

Dear Peter,

How are you? I hope everything is well. I attended the first summer session (August 9-17) and just recently have all the amazing things I learned at the Beginning's Workshop had time to completely sink in. I was reading over my journal and I couldn't believe everything I had accomplished in such a short time; I met amazing people, gained self-confidence, improved my acting skills (with the help of the Beginning's teachers), and most importantly learned so much about myself. The last few pages of what I wrote while at the workshop, were all written on the last day, while we were on our way to the showcase. The feelings I felt while I was recalling all of the events that had taken place over the past ten days, were emotions I had wanted to let out for a long time. Questions I had about myself and my future were answered. And realizing that all along I had the answers inside of me was a great feeling. All I had needed was to open up, which I learned to do, with the guidance and encouragement I received from the people I met at Beginnings,

The doubts I once felt about my acting talent, or about myself in general, were forgotten. I think one of the best part about my experience, was the fact that I felt unanimous acceptance (including with myself). The girls in my cabin, G-6, had no clue who I was before we met the first day and without any questions asked they accepted me. We all had so much in common and got along right off the bat. We became a family, a loving family providing support for everyone in the cabin. Marci and Carolyn were incredibly supportive and if at any point in my stay I became homesick or frustrated (which come to think of it, I don't really remember doing), they were there to offer words of encouragement and comfort.

I'm so thankful to you for giving me an experience of a lifetime. Beginning's truly came at the perfect time for me, and for that reason I think I was open to receiving all the benefits I was given. The workshop honestly has changed my perspective and outlook on my everyday life. I have more respect for my craft and for myself. I take care of myself now. And I am continuing to eat healthy and maintaining my health. I find myself feeling better all-around. The food at the workshop was great! I actually really miss it. My mom has tried to "re-create" but so far it hasn't worked. It really pays to eat right.

My Workshop friends and I still keep in touch regularly. I love when I receive mail from them. They are the coolest group of people in the world. I find myself saying our "Beginning's inside jokes" all the time with my friends at school, because I forget they have no idea what I'm talking about. I miss seeing my G-6 girls everyday!

I got pictures the back from my trip, and the ones taken at the 1700's dance were great. I'll admit, at first I was hesitant about how much fun an 18th century dance could be. But we definitely all had a blast. It was so much fun, (even though it

was raining and I was wearing a hoop skirt! Two things that don't mix.)

My class with Boris was great. He was such a big help with my monologue for the showcase. I felt really comfortable up on stage because I knew I have been given such great direction. My drama teachers at school were really impressed with my improvement. Terri's class was probably my favorite part of the day. I learned so much from her. She is completely amazing. She taught me to trust myself and the choices I make as an actor. She taught me to take risks and really live on stage. Her class was really valuable for me. It really helped me come out of my shell. In Linda's class I really learned what the production process is all about. We put on a scene from *Peter Pan*, and she cast me as Peter. I learned a lot about becoming a character. Self-defense and Tai'chi were difficult at first, but after a couple of days I had the "cultivating energy" thing down. Those classes were both a lot of fun and interesting also.

Things are going well for me. I attend a performing arts high school, Pebblebrook, and this year we started a drama company, which I was part of. Later this January, I will be playing Bianca, in our production of *Othello*. I was nominated to attend a state paid program called, Georgia Governor's Honors Program for drama. I recently had my county audition, which I passed, and now I will move on to a state audition. I'm trying to act as much as possible, but I just can't seem to get enough.

This summer I will be moving from Georgia to New Jersey, I hope that with being closer to New York City, I can continue to take classes and audition for various projects. I would love to work with you again, and since I will be closer to your area, I hope that will become possible.

I want to thank you again for giving me the chance to attend the Beginning's Workshop. I gained so much from it. I appreciate your faith in me. It's good to know that now I know I have faith in myself as well. I would be more than happy to recommend Beginning's to anyone. I won't hesitate to tell anyone how wonderful the workshop is.

If possible I would like to have Marci and Carolyn's addresses so I can keep in touch.

Please keep in touch. I hope to hear from you, or see you sometime in the near future.

My phone number is:
and my address is:

I'm sending you some pictures so you always remember the G-6 girls

Much Love and Thanks,

Devon McIntosh

Age: 16

Dear Peter,

This is Daniel Smith From Chicago. I. I First of all want to say thank you for inviting me to the beginnings workshop I had an overall good time there. I think it was brilliant that you hired people like Lisa Best, Robin, Ken, Ric Brames, Hawks, & all the other Instructors. I actually experienced something there, then I have anywhere else. Despite all the things that happen that was not expected, I say everyone got what they paid for. I believe in there own way everyone is grateful & left with another part of them that wasn't there before hand. I now know that life isn't as easy as everyone try to make seem, & if I had not attended the workshop, I might have had an even harder life then I could have. So once again thank you.

Secondly, I wanted to thank Lisa Best once again too. She was the one Instructor who had the most influence on me. Not because she taught us some cool moves, but because with each lesson, she taught a little bit more about the real world that's out there. So I was wondering if you can send me her address & stuff so I can thank her once again & keep in touch with her. I would appreciate that very much Thanks you once again.

Sincerely

Daniel J Smith

Dear Peter,

1/24/03

I want to thank you for all that you have done for me. When I first met you, last fall, I never dreamed that you could be so instrumental in my life. Going to the workshop not only gave me confidence that I desperately needed, but I learned so much about my body and being true to my feelings. When I was invited to your mini-workshops I was extremely excited and shocked. When I traveled up to Harrison for the first time over Thanksgiving weekend, I met a bunch of people that were so nice and made me feel extremely comfortable. While I was there, I learned so much about me and what I can do well. It definitely gave me a sense of confidence about who I am and everything that I want to do. When I visited Harrison again over the Christmas break for another mini-workshop, I learned even more about work for commercials, camera, and the stage. I learned how acting is the same no matter what venue it is for as long as it is truthful. I have become more in touch with what I want and what I am going to have to do to get it. I want to thank you so much for teaching me about acting and about me! I have enjoyed growing and all that you have taught me. Thank you for giving me these wonderful experiences. I hope to see you again soon.

Sincerely,
Erin Mitchell

Hey Peter!

How are you?

Wow! I have been so incredibly busy I'm amazed at just all that's happened lately. I don't think I've had a free weekend in ages... I just got back from singing with the Texas All State Choir directed by Anton Armstrong (he is the director at St Olaf College and is amazing!) And the weekend before we performed a madrigal with choir which I was in charge of directing.

Now we've started rehearsing for our UIL one act in theater, we're going to do *Dark of The Moon* and I'm playing Conjur woman/ Mrs. Allen (because Mr. Taylor, my director, thought it would be really interesting to the show if that character was played by the same person) and it is making a really interesting experience for me, because Conjur woman is going to "inhabit" Mrs. Allen! So now I'm tied down with rehearsals, but it is a really neat experience, and every minute I'm not rehearsing I'm working so that I can come up there! I'm just a bit frustrated, one because every weekend I have is consumed by something so I'm having a hard time finding space and then when I have enough money saved for a flight I have to make a car insurance payment, so it's a slow process.

I am definitely still sure that I would like to be an assistant over the summer though if that offer is still available! Please let me know so that I can make arrangements and look at flights for whatever time you would like me to start. I really, really want to come soon... I'm working on it!

Hope to hear from you soon!

~ Erica Hernandez

PS. Incase anyone has any doubts to the good in vitamins, I can personally attest to the fact that the flu was going around my school full force these past two months, also at a time when I had a lot of stress with so many things going, but I took a vitamin C tablet every day and did not get even slightly sick!

Dear Peter,

6-27-99

I have to admit that I was a little nervous at first about coming to Beginnings. I had never been away from my family for that long. After the first couple of days of the workshop, I began to feel very comfortable with the other children and the chaperones. I have gotten so much out of the workshop. You gave me the opportunity to work with great teachers and coaches, you introduced a new and healthy way of eating, and as a result, I have become more self disciplined and have learned a lot more about myself. I just want to thank you for everything that you have done to make this a

positive and memorable experience for me. I have also gained a greater appreciation towards rules. They really do have a purpose. Thanks again for making my summer fun and unforgettable.

♡, Heather Hoerner

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Heather Hoerner

8/2/02

Jamie

Dear Peter,

This is the first time I've written you since I attended Beginnings in June of 2001. This means it has been over a year and the workshop still has the great impact on me as it did 14 months ago.

I decided to write to you because it seems like the least I can do to repay you for inviting me in. I was just reading my journal + the messages + helpful criticisms from my friends + all of the instructors, and it was

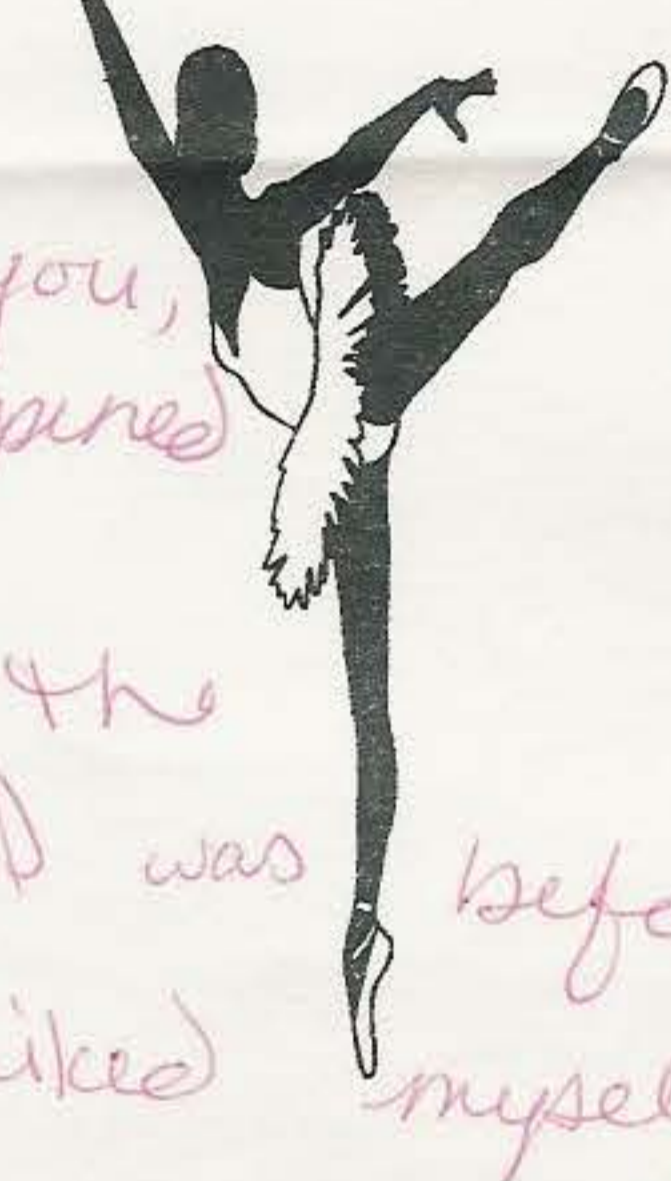


Jamie

very bittersweet. Remembering how people made me feel is still a wonderful experience, using the things that Terri Muuss taught us has been nothing but helpful in classes + performances... but the bitter part is that now everyone else I meet or learn from has to be able to meet such high standards!

Let me tell you, that hasn't happened very often.

I remember the kind of person I was before Beginnings. I liked myself



Jamie

more or less, I was very laid back + nice, etc. My performance level was average - I was always a little embarrassed to give it my all in fear of looking dumb or bad, so I played it safe. Thank God you came to Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania! Now, I enjoy the person I am much more.

Every time I act, sing, or dance, I find myself incorporating workshop teachings. I have become more fun. And, the teachings have helped me improve the person I am off-stage, too.



Jamie

My mind is so incredibly open - this is credited to the other students - the people you hand-chose in 2001 were incomparable to basically anyone I've ever known. They don't realize how much they've improved + inspired me. In fact, I still keep in touch with a few of them.

We all shared such a strong bond, and all in ten days! I could talk about those people for ages.

I hope you know how much I appreciated everything you offered to us.

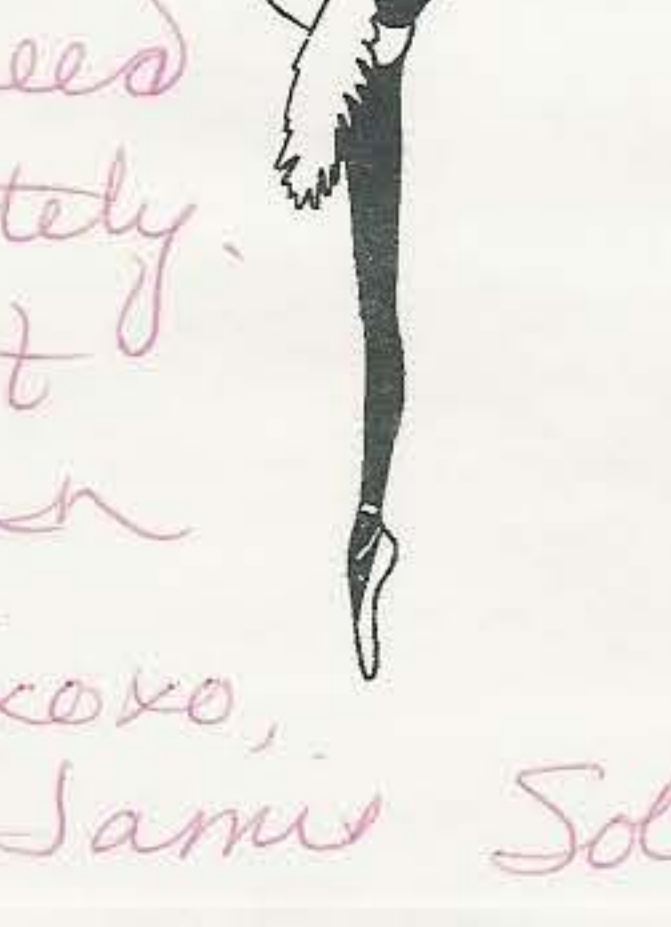


Jamie

I honestly can't think of a more helpful (+ fun!) experience I've ever had. Ever! I know it will continue to help me as much as it has so far.

I hope you had another successful session! I'm sure I'll be calling sooner or later when I need some help desperately. Hope you don't mind! I have an incredible year.

xoxoxo,
Jamie Soltis



Jenna Switlick
Age 16
Monrovia, Md.

November, 2000

Peter,

How is everything? Things are good here, a bit overwhelming right now, but good. Our Show, that I told you about, closed Saturday. It was really good. But I missed some school work because we did a matinee for middle schools during a school day, so I'm busy making that up. Right now I'm taking a soup and tea break from studying for my history test tomorrow. You should be proud of me! I have my own section of the ~~cupboard~~ cupboard and I have "good for me" food in it 😊 and I eat lots of salad too. I'm currently indulging in some bean soup... I'm serious! I told my mom the other day that I actually missed some of the food at your house! She didn't believe me. But, anyway, I'm sitting here, eating my organic food, listening to Mozart, and studying, and all of a sudden I started to miss you. You have to let me know what weekends you will be home, so I can come visit! Remember, I promised! and it has been 2 months! Tell Apple I say HI! Guess what! My mom is getting me voice lessons. And next year, I am going to student-direct a Shakespeare Tragedy. Probably Macbeth. But, I should probably get back to studying! Call me sometime!

Love Always

Jenna Switlick

Subj: **long time no talk**
Date: 8/30/2006 9:20:35 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: michael [mailto: [redacted]@hotmail.com]
To: petersklar@aol.com

So HEY this is Mike again, the floating head next to the london link on your website and I was just wondering if you could give me some advice...I am now finally graduated from high school and ready to get to work on my dream and I was wondering what you think I should do next, I was thinking of moving to New York or LA and was wondering which one you think would be better for me. I was asking you because your workshop did so much for me and you are an awesome guy. I've been on a vegan diet for a while now and it was because of the stuff you taught us in the workshops and it really helps...thank you. but yeah, just emailing to catch up and say thanks, any advice would help :)
Michael Juarez

Windows Live Spaces is here! It's easy to create your own personal Web site.
<http://spaces.live.com/signup.aspx>

Subj: **Student of '93**
Date: 3/10/2004 1:21:18 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: [kathleen](#)
To: petersklar@aol.com

1958 W.
BSMT
Chicago, IL 60640
(612)

March 10, 2004

Dear Mr. Sklar,

This is a "thank you" letter. I should have written it years ago, please forgive the delay. I am so excited to see that your program still exists. I am one of the thousands of kids that have attended your workshop, one of the most valuable experiences of my life.

It was just after Christmas of 1993, I was 16, when 3 of my 4 siblings and I arrived in New Jersey for the scariest and most exciting 9 days I've ever known. Thank god I was there with my brothers and sister (Ross Family, MN). I remember being intimidated by all the kids who'd literally grown up backstage. After all, my background was dance, so what did I know about "Acting". Still, that's why I was there, to learn. And oh did I learn!

Today you'll find me in the city of Chicago, auditioning, working, costuming, and yes, temping to pay the bills. I've worked onstage, on-camera, traveled the U.S. and abroad, and got PAID to do it! I may not be well known, but I am a working actor/entertainer.

If that seed had not been planted 10 years ago, there is no way I'd be where I am today. So thank you Mr. Sklar. Thank you, and the awesome staff for opening the door. Thank you for everything.

Appreciatively yours,

Katie Ross
Beginnings winter'93-'94
Bloomington, MN

Cabin G-10 (I still remember!)

Dear Peter,

Thank you very much for inviting me to the beginnings workshop. I had a wonderful experience, that I will always remember. I made some really great friends, everyone is really friendly. The teachers that I had in my classes were excellent! I found that everyone in my cabin was easy to get along with and I loved my chaperons. I also thought the food in the cafeteria was really good. My favourite class was Thinking Games with Robin. I learned alot in that class. In the beginning of that class I was shy to act in front of the people in my class because I was worried about what they thought. I definitely feel more confident, but I know I can still open up alot more. I'm really looking forward to hopefully coming back again! Thank you very much, this was definitely an experience I'll never forget.

Love

Lisa Zlop



P.S. Everytime I think about the workshop I just finished I feel all excited, with butterflies inside my body.

January 15, 2003

Peter Sklar
153 Webster Ave.
Harrison, NY 10528

Dear Peter,

I hope that this letter finds you in good health.

In case for some strange reason you wouldn't remember, this is Maria Akis from West Virginia, and I have come to two "mini workshops" at your house since I attended the Beginnings workshop in August of 2002.

I wanted to thank you for inviting me to come to the most recent New Year's mini workshop. I had an absolutely MARVELOUS time. I learned so much while I was there, not only about acting, but about myself as well.

Daniel and Terri were simply AMAZING. Their classes were lots of fun, and I don't believe that a one person in the room was in any way bored while their classes were in session. They definitely kept us on our toes to say the least!

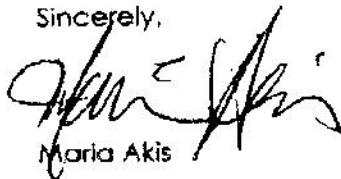
As always, café Mozart was quite the treat. I don't know if you realize this, but a stay at your house would not be complete without our nightly "excursions" (and sometimes dramatic adventures!@) in quest of sugar rich foods found only at Mozart's.

The Broadway show that you took us to see was unlike anything I have ever seen in my entire life. I was in absolute awe while watching the production. Speaking of Broadway, it will be so awesome to see "The Kid Who Played the Palace" when it makes it onto Broadway one day. When go to see it, I will brag to everyone I see, that: "I once knew the producer that wrote the story and songs for this show many moons ago when I was a little girl..." haha Anyways, best of luck with everything.

I am really looking forward to the workshop this summer, and if you still want to put up with me, I would love it if I could come back to stay at your house whenever you're holding another mini workshop.

Thank you again, and please keep in touch!

Sincerely,



Maria Akis

Dear Peter,

Well, it's been a long time. Sorry I haven't written you sooner. I have been meaning to thank you for the recommendation letter that you wrote on my behalf. It must have helped because Idyllwild Arts Academy accepted me as part of the class of 2005. I'm really excited about moving on with my life outside of Las Cruces. I made an on campus visit at the beginning of the summer and I fell in love with the school. All the students are very motivated and interesting. Instead of sitting around doing very little in the performing arts during my last year of high school, I'll be taking dance, acting, and voice six days a week.

Thank you so much for working with me so extensively. I think you would be surprised at how much I have changed. Thanks to your guidance and insight I finally found the confidence to take the initiative and make my life into what I want it to be. Taking new steps and meeting new people is no longer intimidating. I'm delighted to say that my fear has been replaced with an overwhelming excitement and energy. The advice you gave me didn't take affect on me at the time it was given, but it lingered in the back of my mind until I finally understood it and began incorporating it in my life. Thank god I did! Now I don't have to go through life scared that I'm not good enough all the time. It's amazing how much more interesting and fun life is when you are really in touch with your feelings. For the first time I can be mad without hesitation or guilt. Although I don't see you very often the positive influence your mentoring has had in my life is always there. Thank you so much for giving me the heads-up and seeing something in me that I never saw. It probably would have taken me many wasted years to figure out all my issues on my own. Now I know I can really make the most out of my next year of education because I have fewer issues hindering my path.

My family and I have been listening to the soundtrack of The Kid Who Played the Palace and we absolutely love it. The characters are so easy to relate to. Every song makes you laugh or cry along with them. Without even listening to the lines of the play I feel a connection with each character's desires and dilemmas. I can't wait to hear the finished product.

I hope that all is going well with the workshop this summer and the mini ones too. I really was very disappointed when I discovered that I would be unable to attend the workshop. With the upcoming costs of Idyllwild and my mother's medical expenses my family did not possess the financial resources to send me. I do look forward to hopefully having the chance to see you in New York sometime in the future. I wish you luck in the upcoming workshop. I wish every child could be as fortunate as I have been by receiving all the exposure and opportunities Beginnings has to offer.

PS- lay off the sweets!!

With Lots of Love,
The best girl you have ever met! J/K ☺

Marissa Coronado

Subj: **Hi, Peter!**
Date: 1/15/2007 9:03:01 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
From: meler
Reply-to: mele
To: petersklar@aoi.com

Hey, Peter!

I just got your letter about the new website, and definitely have browsed around. I love it, and just wanted to tell you that I will definitely be checking for updates as you add new content! And also, in the press section, saw you worked with Mischa Barton! Having just marathoned all three and a half seasons of The OC, I'm glad I'm familiar with both of you!

But, I also wanted to drop you a note to say that I am, indeed, healthy, always reading labels and things, and also keep up with my theater. I'm at Gettysburg College, seeking a double major in Japanese Studies (a long-time passion of mine) and Theater Arts. I've built up an impressive resume, and founded the school's first Student Musical Theater group (GBurg SMuT; I'm directing "Company" in the spring). Afterwards, I hope to get into a grad school that will grant me that Fine Arts degree that I'm missing out on...and if that doesn't work out..then I'll start working around.

So, kudos on the new website, and I'm doing well, and want you to know that I often think about the Beginnings workshop, and how I've yet to work in an environment as exhausting and exhilarating as the one you provided. Thanks again for all of your advice (that will never cease to ring true), encouragement, and training.

I hope to keep in touch!

Peter Mele, Jr.
Beginnings 2004

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Dear Peter,

Hey! How are you doing? Good, I hope! I was just writing to say that I had a wonderful time at the mini-workshop over Thanksgiving. I had a blast, and learned a numerous amount of acting techniques. I also enjoyed your choice of foods. I don't drink near as much milk as I used to, and definitely not as much sugar. You taught me so many tips about acting that I didn't learn in a year of acting class! The one-on-one critique also helped alot! I am definitely looking forward to another experience like this one; so please don't forget to invite be back! I hope everything is going well. Be sure to tell the girls that I said Hi! Thanks again Peter, I really enjoyed myself. Hope to hear from you soon!

Always,

Megan Howard

Subj: HI
Date: 6/25/2004 4:23:47 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: shan@...com
To: petersklar@aol.com

wuz up peter. this is michael morrow. i wanted to tell you how much i enjoyed the workshop last week. i learned alot and i appreciate you inviting me to go. but the only unfortunate part was that once i got done with the workshop i had to come back and get my wisdom teeth taken out. let me tell you how much fun that was. i heard that you do mini workshops during the school year. i would love to go to one of those if i could. i went to visit julliard again. do you know of any other good colleges that have an excellent acting program?

hope to hear from you soon,

Michael Morrow

Marty Kaufman

Bronxville, NY 10708

Dear Peter,


Let me preface with an apology. I wish I had the ability to accurately describe my beginnings experience in writing. Regrettably, I cannot. Even trying to explain those 8 days to my closest friends was an exercise in futility.

As an older (actually the oldest) participant, I was worried about being treated like an adult. It was quite a relief when I realized that the workshop took the needs of all participants into consideration. The numerous rules are well justified and not half as intimidating in practice as they are in print. I was comfortable with every aspect of supervision. In fact, I was especially impressed with the ability of the chaperones and assistants. They were well selected to do a difficult job. A job they executed with extreme professionalism.

The classes far exceeded my greatest expectations. Never in my life, professional or personal have I run such a complete gamut of emotions. Each was an educational experience that reinforced my confidence and my desire for self-discovery. Those conducting the classes were the best in the business, and they actually devoted the time and energy necessary for me to develop as an actor and a person. I could have been inconsequential to such powerful, talented people yet this was not the case. (perhaps this is why they are so powerful and talented?)

In conclusion, I would just like to say "Thank You". First for providing me with such a well-rounded physical, psychological and emotional experience. Secondly, thanks for your continued support. I will be moving to New York to realize my dreams. Without my experience at beginnings I would be terribly unprepared for what lies ahead. Finally, thank you for your wisdom, patience and understanding. I look forward to possibly working with you and the workshop in the future.

Sincerely,



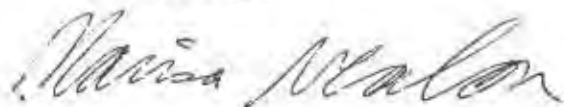
Marty Kaufman

P.S. I had the Macanudo with my father when I returned home...It was a bonding experience.

To whom it may concern,

The Beginnings workshop is a program in which I learned a great deal about myself, other people and the way the acting business works. I have attended three workshops and each one has been invaluable. The atmosphere is one of open friendliness and support. The teachers, students and all others involved are striving toward the same goals: to learn about emotions and become better actors and better people. By the end of the program such a strong bond has been created that we are all reluctant to leave this warm, educational setting. When I come home from Beginnings I am always more aware of myself as an individual and an actress. Thoughts of those all-too-short ten days conjure happy nostalgia and make me long for my next opportunity to attend the workshop. I feel lucky to be able to experience this fabulous program. It is the best!

Sincerely,

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

Marisa Nealon



Be expecting a call
 From me! Actually
 a few calls! I am
extremley excited about



Mini Workshops. I already
 am working out the
 details- I just need my Mom's
 OK- which might be tricky,
 but I WANT to come! I

will be calling you about
TONS of recipies! Well I'll
 send you letters & cards!



Thanks Again!

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PS-
 on
 back!

Molly
 Brie
 Irene & Gigi
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Nicole

Peter-

Thank you so very much for including me in your Beginnings Workshop... I am so grateful to God that I had this wonderful experience. I can't even believe all of the techniques, methods, and lessons I learned from the absolutely amazing instructors. I loved my chaperones (Anna + Heidi) and the girls in my cabin were so sweet. I had the best week! →

Thank you for coaching in singing. I felt that I grew so much in my song... what you taught me about getting into touch with something real to me (not entertaining the audience!) was so helpful. The showcase went so well. I was a little worried about my song (about "selling" the ending high note) but, with your encouragement and coaching, I think it went fabulous... I had a blast! ♥ Nicole



July 19, 2002

AUSTIN FILM FESTIVAL

beginnings workshop
Peter Sklar, Director
153 Webster Avenue
Harrison, NY 10528

Dear Peter,

My name is Raighne Davidson and I am a beginnings alumnus from several years ago. My hometown was Houston, TX and you used to call me your Texas girl. I hope that you remember me, but I completely understand if you do not; you only have a few thousand kids whom you've worked with and taught over the years.

Anyway, I am writing to give you an update on my acting career and me. I moved to Austin, TX, earned a degree in Education from the University of Texas, got married, and finally started to pursue my love of acting. I also earned a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. My teacher, Master Sam Um, asked me if I would be interested in starring in a martial arts/action movie. He had written several scripts and produced and directed a few movies on his own. He told me that one of my fellow Tae Kwon Do students, country-singing legend Willie Nelson, would be playing my father. I was so excited!

Long-story short: this movie, *Evidence*, will be screening in New York City at the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival this September. I would be very honored if you could attend. I would love to see you again and catch-up on life. As of today, I do not have a specific day or time to help you schedule, but the Festival runs from September 18-28, 2002

I know you are very busy, but please feel free to call me anytime at _____ That is my work phone number; I handle advertising/marketing sales for the Austin Film Festival. We are a very close-knit office, so you can just ask for me when you call. You can also reach me through email at _____

I sincerely hope this letter finds you happy, healthy and prosperous, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Love and Best Regards,

Raighne Davidson

PS—I have an *Evidence* movie poster with Willie and I on it. I remember how you love him! Would you like a copy? Love, R.

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Dear Peter,

I just thought that I'd take the time and write to you, thanking you for letting me come and stay a couple weeks ago, plus taking us out and teaching us a few things as well. I had a great time and I learned a lot. I can't wait to get my pictures back so that I can relive it all.

I jumped into an incredibly busy schedule as soon as I came back. I had a show this past week, a small one night thing that was very fun. It was a modern day take on Taming of the Shrew called Atomic Shakespeare. It was a small cast, which was also really fun. I attended my first big concert the following night, which left my ears ringing. However, I had a great time. On top of that I started driver's training this past week. I'm not sure about how I feel about that. The woman teaching me tends to be a little condescending, but I just have to grit my teeth a little and take the constructive criticism. I get my license as soon as I'm finished. My studio is also putting on The Music Man, and production week is coming up so we're practicing six to eight hours every weekend. It's a little insane to be this busy, but I'm enjoying it. I don't mind being busy as long as I'm doing things that I want to do.

Again, I just wanted to take the time to say thank you and update you about everything that's happening in my life. You will be happy to know that I'm eating soy milk and organic cereal for breakfast now, and I find myself considerably more energized. However, I'm working on not eating junk food. It's hard on weekends!

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renée Perron". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Renée Perron".

7-18-05

Dear Peter,

I wanted to write and thank you for inviting me to your workshop in June 2005. I had a great experience and made so many friends.

You opened me up to new things, and change, all which was much appreciated. I feel as though I have grown so much in my acting, and

especially my writing. I had wonderful instructors and also enjoyed those seminars!

I felt very honored at being invited to this workshop, and to have the experience of it. It was definitely one of the best I've had!

Thank you so much for your hard work, and desire for kids like me.

Love in Christ,

Dobby York (67)



Dear Peter -

This past week has been an incredible experience. Thank you so much for opening your home to me. I've learned things that I will remember and use always. Thank you for showing -

me my dreams are reachable. You have made me more confused than any one and yet so many things are clearer to me. Thank you for all of your time and your own dreams that you shared with me.

Thank you for this past week! I think I'm leaving

my heart here in New York. Thank you for already showing me one of my dreams - I got to see the lights of New York! I hope to see you soon. Thank you again. Be sure to tell me if your coming to California. I'll miss you. Thank you again! - Shannon

Subj: **Shelby Frasier from Beginnnigs**
Date: 6/30/2004 12:54:50 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: tarc...@gmail.com
To: PeterSklar@aol.com

Hello Peter,

I just wanted to write and email to say "thanks" for everything that I learned physically as well as psychologically at the workshop. There are so many things I picked up there, I can't describe even half of that to my friends and family. I learned that it's okay to cry sometimes and that I know that I have at least one adult that is there to look after me (even though he is a few thousand miles away but it doesn't matter.) I learned that everybody has their strengths and weaknesses and just to go in with all confidence, knowing that you'll be alright. Even though learning is part of the experience, there's still that thought in my mind that everybody can grow as a person. I sincerely thank you for all the wisdom and knowledge that you have provided for everybody regardless of how big or small it might be.

Anyways, my parents were really excited to know that your sister plays flute on Broadway. They said that I could go up and visit you. I just have to somehow find the money to get up there. I think that's the one thing my parents are really proud of and want me to accelerate in. Ever since I got into All-State two years ago, they somehow find that I should really go into flute and they find your sister is a very remarkable person. Thankfully they haven't been jumping down my throat as much and I try to stay out of their way as much as possible. I know that the peace between them won't last long. I know it's going to be nice right now because they're so wrapped up for the 4th of July party that they throw. I'm not really sure what to do. I just try to cherish that they aren't keeping me up. But now I must be going. I'm hoping you'll keep in touch Dr. Tofu.

Word brotha (wow that was ghetto)

Shelby

Dear Mr. Pete,

Hey, how are you doing? It's your old friend Stephanie Raciak. I've been busy since I came back. I just competed in Jr. Miss Mundelein and got first runner-up. Plus, the sweetest smile!! Keep your fingers crossed, I'll be competing in a BIG dance competition July 19th!

I miss your yummy health food already. When I was at your workshop we had SOY MILK. I realized I took regular 2% milk for granted. Now I drink a glass of 2% milk everyday! I try to eat a lot of vegetables, too. I also drink as much water as I can. See what your workshop has done to me??

I also want to thank you again for taking time out of your busy day to fix my coaching when I missed it. I was so nervous that I would get dismissed! Thank God you were there to fix it.

Make sure you read the back of the pictures. There's a dance one for you to keep in your wallet!!

Love always,

Stephanie Raciak

P.S. Say "hi" to Kevin for me!

P.S.S. If you're ever in the Chicago area and need help when you're interviewing. Call me!!

1-_____-0465

Just remember me!

Stephanie

Raciak

August 3, 2000

Dear Peter Sklar,

I wanted to thank you for the opportunity you gave me to stay with you at your house. I was flattered to be invited, and very sorry when it didn't work out. I realize that you don't like to invite students twice, but I was wondering, since I was asked with such short notice, if perhaps an exception could be made.

Your workshop helped me a great deal with my confidence, especially in helping me realize my abilities as an actor. I began to understand the drive and focus necessary to be accepted into the challenging field of acting. But best of all, I realized that I had both of these qualities.

Richard Ross, my coach, was absolutely wonderful. He helped me so much by giving specific criticisms, and by being very generous with his praise. I liked my coaching sessions with him the best because I've never before had the experience of one-on-one coaching for my acting. His class was also my favorite class. Learning about cold reading and scene studies was an experience that will aid me in my future acting. I was wondering if you would please write and send me his address so that I can thank him for all the help he gave me, or perhaps e-mailing would be easier for you. My e-mail address is

I also truly enjoyed Teri Muus and Mark Weston. Their classes and teaching styles were very informative and helpful.

In conclusion, I wanted to thank you again for inviting me to not only your workshop, but to your house, and for the special attention you were able to give me in your busy schedule. I would love to be invited back.

Sincerely yours,
Tali Beesley

P.S. Forgive me for writing so late; we've been on vacation.

Notes:

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the June Beginnings Program. I enjoyed the experience, met a lot of interesting people, & learned a great deal about acting. I received the feedback you sent this wk. from Barry & Mike; it was also very helpful.

At your convenience, could you please send me a letter, certificate, or whatever, which states that I did in fact attend & participate in your Beginnings Workshop. I plan to take Speech & Acting at U.S.I. this Fall. Hopefully I'll be able to get rid of my regional accent. Then within 1 year I plan to relocate to N.Y. to pursue my acting to its fullest.

Thanks again,

Irish Solley