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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Endorsement of: "John Muir – University of the Wilderness"

Recently, my wife and I attended the premiere concert of "John Muir – University of the Wilderness" at the Northern Wisconsin Great Lakes Visitors Center near Ashland, Wisconsin. I have been an admirer of John Muir and a member of the Sierra Club for most of my life, and seeing this performance was very pleasing and exhilarating.

The group "Chance" consists of Cellist and composer/performer Ed Willett and poet/lyricist/vocalist Cheryl Leah, who wrote and performed this show in two acts. Also featured as part of the show were bassist Jane Aleckson and the actor/percussionist Thomas Clyde Mitchell, who is a superb actor and was the voice of Muir during this "narrative concert," as it has been dubbed.

I was pleasantly surprised and impressed with the high level of sophistication, depth of feeling, historical references, and masterful timing of the music, which supported and carried the words of and about John Muir throughout the concert. I was impressed that quotations from and about Muir, and the original instrumental selections, were chosen to portray Muir in an authentic and soulful manner. This concert was truly a pleasing educational experience for both me and my wife, who is a talented musician in her own right. This unique concert portrayed Muir in an historic and moving manner, showing his humor, bravery, and undying relevance as a visionary conservationist, without preaching or becoming political.

Although I knew much about Muir before attending this concert--in part because of my role as a past and longtime Legal Chair for Wisconsin's John Muir Chapter of the Sierra Club--I learned more about him from this wonderful performance.

I would highly recommend attending this narrative concert anywhere it is being presented.

Sincerely,

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