

Dear Awards Committee.

This letter is in support of the selection of Red Mountain Theatre as the recipient of the Impact Award. I have personal knowledge of RMT's outstanding dedication and 40 year-commitment to Children and the Arts; and of their innovative and creative programming, curriculum, teaching, and amazing performances featuring the children working collaboratively with professionals.

RMT serves a very diverse population, and their scholarship programs enable students of all socioeconomic backgrounds to participate in RMT's programs. Their outreach programs bring the Arts to underserved areas, serving 16,000 students from 72 zip codes.

The opportunities afforded their students is so impressive. RMT's students have instruction from trained professionals and collaborate with professionals in performance, gaining both skill and confidence along the way. This innovative approach fosters valuable life skills and cultivates a deep sense of community. RMT is meeting kids where they are and are providing them an opportunity to find their own voice and their own place, creating an environment where students take ownership of their learning experience, becoming leaders and gaining invaluable life skills. RMT's creative curriculum, programming, and excellent teachers instill the valuable elements of confidence, self-discipline, teamwork and perseverance, skills that are important to success no matter what path is taken.

Red Mountain Theatre embodies all that an Impact Award recipient should be. Please give them every consideration.

Sincerely,

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