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Michael Smolens
The Mirabai Ensemble
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Dear Michael & the Ensemble,

Bravo! That was a spectacular performance. Thank you all for an evening of unique music and vocal improvisation. Our City College audience thoroughly enjoyed the entire program... the perfect showcase of your extraordinary talent.

It was difficult to pick a favorite from pieces such as the ethereal quality of *Great Song Suite*, the mystical *Air India* and the comical *Conducted Symphony*. Who would have thought the incongruous blend of animal and machine sounds could be such fun? Then of course, there was the magical creation of "kitchen" songs including an ode to tuna, cheese and mayo, the glass washer and the gingerbread man torch song.

The workshop portion of the presentation was equally fine. Helen Dilworth's students had a mini-master class on vocal improvisation techniques. Once again, thank you for a very special evening.

Sincerely,

Brenda Chinn

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