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To Any Person(s) Concerned with Good Music,

Because of their inspiring presentation for my students at City College of San Francisco, I highly recommend Michael Smolens and Mirabai, an excellent ensemble of singers and instrumentalists. They are wonderful performers, as well as good teachers, delightful entertainers, and professional touring artists.

As a teacher, singer, and pianist of classical, pop, jazz and gospel repertoire, I greatly respect this ensemble's authenticity and versatility. They make beautiful music over an awesome range of styles, such as jazz, chant, Indian, improv, and theater improvisation. We were amazed by their cheerful explanations and demonstrations, and their willingness to assist my students in experimentations. Mirabai's session was well organized, wisely paced, and powerfully motivating. Our C.C.S.F. Concert Committee reviewed the Mirabai Ensemble as one of the best musical presentations of the year!

Since I've adjudicated many artistic competitions, such as California Arts Council Presenters and also grants to Touring Artists, I can compare Mirabai to the best in California. They showed me great artistry and professionalism. They even provided their own high quality sound equipment and "technical specs", which were handled quickly and quietly. Mirabai managed a complex myriad of details so well that they were easy to present, highly educational, and marvelously entertaining.

I would love to present Mirabai again, especially at the College of Marin, where I also teach.

Yours truly,



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