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Dear Alan,

I am writing firstly to express my gratitude to you for the fantastic Masterclass that you gave to Aleesha, Jenny, Grace, Megan and Hawaii, on Friday. You were incredibly encouraging without any compromise musically and the girls have come away from this experience inspired, motivated and eager to achieve 'bigger and better things' with their performances. You had a beautiful manner with the students, immediately calming their nerves and instilling confidence in them – quite an achievement, as they were incredibly nervous.

They of course were further uplifted, as we all were, by your exhilarating performance on Saturday. A brilliant raconteur, not only did you conjure up unbelievable colours, pictures and emotions with your virtuosic playing, but you made it so accessible for young and old, by placing these magnificent works into context. Experienced and inexperienced concertgoers alike were absolutely enthralled.

My heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful musical gift that you have given to our students at Strathcona. These days will live on in their memories (and ours) for many years to come.

I look forward to further collaborations in the future.

Warmest regards,



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