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Dear Russ,

It was such a pleasure working with you as a guest artist this year! The students in our top jazz combo had a great time playing with you on our Thursday night gig and we were particularly pleased that you were willing to share some of your charts with us. Working on your original material allowed my students a glimpse into your approach to composition and challenged them to explore new styles and ideas. In performance, your interaction with the performers certainly pushed them to perform at their highest level. Your talent as a performer, your encouragement of the student performers and your enthusiasm for performance and education made the evening an incredible event for the Knox College student performers and our audience alike. Any jazz program would be lucky to work with you and I look forward to working with you in the future!

Yours in jazz,

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