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Dear Russ,

I just wanted to say thanks for the great work you did during your visit to Southern Miss. It is very rare to find an artist level performer who is so accomplished, and who can teach in an accessible manner. Your workshop was excellent and gave my students a vision for what is involved in composing and arranging in jazz. In addition, I very much appreciate the one on one time you gave to some of my students.

I've had nothing but rave reviews from people who attended the Friday and Saturday events. Several who've attended our annual outing at the Bay Springs Jazz in the Grove Festival, said that's the best the band ever sounded. You and Jeff were both inspirations for my students to step up to the plate. Thanks again for a terrific job. I look forward to doing it again!

Sincerely,

Larry Panella  
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