

January 19, 2004

Mr. Peter Sklar
Beginnings Workshop
153 Webster Ave.
Harrison, NY 10528

Dear Peter,

This letter should have been sent to you long ago. Here it is. These are direct quotes from my son, Tom Mierle, age 15, (now 16) who was a student at Beginnings Workshop in August of 2003. He is looking forward to returning again this summer.

"I thought the food would be nasty, but it turned out to be really good. Everyone had their favorite meals."

"I enjoyed making friends with other students. Everyone was nice and easy to get along with."

"The instruction allows you to tone the skills you already have and focus on strengths and weaknesses. It also enlightens you on what it would be like to perform professionally."

"It was lots of fun."

"I thought the rules were a bit extensive, but when I got to the workshop, I found that they weren't that bad. They kept the day organized, and were there to keep the kids safe and on task without taking the fun out of their experience."

I'd like to add, Peter, that as a mother I was glad for the rules from the very start. I understood that they were in place for very good reason. I listened to some mothers complain, and I defended your procedures totally. How else could one manage so many children of all ages and still get a lot accomplished?

Everything went like clockwork. My son arrived at the airport, and he called me as planned. I sent him mail, which he did receive. I went to New York to see the showcase, (which I thoroughly enjoyed!!) and there he was looking absolutely wonderful! He did a great job, and I could see he was happy. That is good enough for me! I assure you, there is no other mother who is more protective than I. My son will attest to that.

You are doing a wonderful thing for these kids Peter, and this mom and her son sincerely thank you.

Gladys Mierle
Williamsburg, Virginia