

*Dr. Ralph and Lindsay Bashoum*

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Dear Peter,

What a wonderful experience "beginnings" was for Ashley and Josh! The anxiety of a cancelled flight and late arrival quickly dissolved upon meeting the chaperone waiting at the gate as promised. The excitement and challenge of the 11-day workshop was a topic of many family discussions these past two weeks. We wish to thank you and your staff for their dedication and extraordinary effort. Ashley and Josh felt safe and secure, ready to exercise their creativity. They had a great time and enjoyed working with their instructors. You have provided our children with a unique opportunity to explore their craft in a nurturing, yet challenging environment. "Beginnings" has encouraged their interest and passion for acting. It has also given them new tools to grow and have confidence in their work.

As parents, it was not an easy decision to entrust our children to you. It was, however, quite evident that you have invested considerable time, effort and care in designing your workshop. We applaud your dedication to the health and safety of our children. Thank you for inviting Josh and Ashley to participate your workshop. It was a terrific opportunity for them. They especially enjoyed presenting their monologues at the showcase. We were proud to share a moment that represented all the hard work of the past days. The showcase was a testament to the joy you had in your eyes as each child took the stage! You seemed as excited as the rest of us waiting patiently in the audience.

In closing, one final reflection. While gathering up the kids after the showcase, Josh had a telling reaction. He remarked that it was difficult to walk down the stairs of the theater when his name was called. Perhaps he was anxious to see us? No, he hated to leave! Ashley nodded through her tears, "it was so fun—can we come back next time", she said! They wouldn't budge from the curb of the theater until we agreed that they could return. Kids don't sugar coat their opinions. Please accept this heartfelt praise with our sincere thanks.

Warm regards,

*Lindsay & Ralph Bashoum*

*P.S. Please save them a spot for next time!*

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**NOTE:** Ashley can now be seen most weekday afternoons in her featured role on CBS TV's "The Young and the Restless". She booked this series shortly after attending the Beginnings workshop in June, 1998.