

Petion-Ville March 29th, 1999

To Mr. Jean Montes
Cellist and Orchestra Director
Kaukauna, Wisconsin (USA)
Holy Trinity Philharmonic Orchestra (Haiti)

My Dear Jean,

Before you return to the United States I would like to renew my sincere congrats to you.

Your visit here with us has been a revelation.

I was delighted to have a few notes in the piano part of Copland's Hoe Down that you conducted with such happiness and brilliance.

I also equally shared the admiration and the joy of your musicians who outdid themselves under your direction.

The excellent qualities of both of your performances on March 27 and 28 revealed a discipline work ethic, supported by your charisma, your warmth and the vibrant expression of your conducting gestures which elicited the enthusiasm of the audience who came in great numbers to applaud you.

My dear Jean you are carrying the characteristics of a great conductor. It is undeniable that you will have a brilliant career as a conductor, which I hope will one day let you be known as the "Bernstein of the future"

Kudos and thanks to the Holy Trinity School of Music for giving us the opportunity to discover the talented artist that you are.

Again Bravo! and my best wishes of success,

Micheline Laudun Denis