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Re: Letter of October 24, 2009 and Donation to the School of Music

Dear Isabel,

I am writing to thank you for your recent personal letter and the donation to the School of Music. This funding is a significant contribution to our program and will certainly help to overcome our budget short fall for the upcoming academic year. The commitment and generosity that both you and Alfred continually show to Queen's University is a wonderful blessing and we are truly fortunate.

I note in your letter that you hope to find out more information about the School of Music next time you are in Kingston. I too look forward to this opportunity. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me or Ireneus if you have any questions or ideas that you would like to discuss.

Finally, I might just add that when you were here this past October, you mentioned that you really can't wait to hear Shelley and Diana Katz perform in the new Performing Arts Centre. This reminded me that we really should investigate the possibility of getting them to perform in Kingston prior to the Isabel Bader PAC opening as well. To that end, I am pleased to report that planning is underway for Diana and Shelley to present a recital and work with our students in the fall of 2010. It will then be really quite special to get them back to Kingston to perform in the new concert hall in 2012.

With best wishes and warm regards,

Dr. John Burge

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Associate Director

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June 15, 2009

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Dear Dr. and Mrs. Bader,

I am pleased to enclose three reports from the award winners of the Isabel Bader Bursary for the year 2008. Three students from the Art Conservation Program received funds from this bursary that enabled them to undertake internships in their areas of specialization.

Jane Dosman completed her internship at the Swiss National Library in Bern, where she was working primarily on paper artifacts. She learned several new conservation treatment techniques, and became familiar with the mass deacidification system for books and documents used by the Swiss government. Emily Min completed her internship in the paintings conservation laboratory at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, where she furthered her experience in paintings conservation, and expanded her understanding of the conservation issues in contemporary art. Emily Lin completed her internship in the Organics Section of the British Museum in London, where she worked primarily on ethnographic objects. She learned new treatment techniques, but also gained much valuable experience in decision making and prioritizing treatments.

I am pleased to inform you that five award winners were selected for the summer of 2009. Jessica Veevers (paintings conservation) and Alison Cude (paper conservation) are both interning at the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa. Lauren Allan is interning at Restorart, a private paintings conservation practice in Toronto. Ida Pohoriljakova, an artifacts student, is interning at two excavation sites, in Athens, Greece and in Turkey. Meaghan Monaghan is also interning at two locations, at paintings labs in Montreal and in Sydney Australia.

I wish to express our sincere gratitude for your support of our student internships through the Isabel Bader Bursary program. Since the year 2000, this award has permitted a total of 23 students to pursue advanced training at cultural institutions in Canada and abroad. This financial assistance is extremely important and very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

John O'Neill

Acting Director, Art Conservation Program



June 15, 2009

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Re: Director of the School of Music

Dear Alfred and Isabel,



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I am coming to the end of a year's long sabbatical leave that has been particularly satisfying on an artistic level and on July 1st, 2009, I will be returning to teaching and administrative duties in the School of Music. My reason for writing to you is to provide you with some background as to why I will not be returning as the Director of the School of Music even though I still have three more years on my contract. When I accepted the position of Director, it was on the understanding that the courses I would have taught were to be covered by a non-renewable appointment as was done during my first two years as Director. Recent budget cuts though, have not only cancelled the non-renewable appointments in the School of Music, but further undermined our ability to offer our students the level of instruction that they deserve in the are of Music Theory and Composition. As the only full-time composer or theorist on staff for the upcoming year, my obligation must be first to our students and therefore I have stepped down as Director so that I can teach a full load of courses.

My reason for writing at this time is that I wanted to convey to you that one of the real joys during my time as Director has been to watch the development of the Isabel Bader Performing Arts Centre. This will be a remarkable building on an astounding piece of property and the recent funding from both the provincial and federal governments indicates just how broadly your vision has been embraced. Today I am flying to Atlanta with Bob Silverman and other members of the PAC Building Committee where we will meet up with the PAC architects and consultants to examine a similar kind of Fine Arts building that was designed by the same team for Emory University.

While I will not be the Director of the School of Music, I am hoping to continue to represent the school on the PAC Building Committee. To that end, we are looking at creating for me the new position of Assistant Director as this will enable me to continue to oversee important administrative matters like the PAC while still teaching a full course load. Although the next few years at the School of Music look to be particularly tough, I remain hopeful that we will be in a strong position to begin rebuilding our program when the Isabel Bader Performing Arts Center opens. Indeed, I may even have the opportunity to assume the directorship of the School of Music at some point in the future.

With all best wishes,

Dr. John Burge



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