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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On behalf of Young Audiences Arts for Learning, please accept this letter expressing our enthusiastic support of projected partnership with Source Music, Inc. to utilize Raphael Mostel's production of *The Travels of Babar* as a vehicle for teaching and learning in partnership with our New York area affiliates and as a model of excellence for our national network-at-large. I have a thorough knowledge of this composition and production based on my working relationship with Raphael when I was the Director of Education and then Executive Director of the Metropolitan Opera Guild.

Young Audiences Arts for Learning (YA) is the nation's leading arts in education organization, serving over five million children and youth each year through innovative, arts-integrated programs that utilize the creativity and engagement of the arts to raise student achievement while nurturing key 21st century skills that prepare them for success in college, career and citizenship.

Through a diverse network of 30 plus local affiliates across the country, YA is uniquely positioned to leverage the resources, experience, and expertise of its national organization toward meeting the specific needs of schools, classrooms, community centers and students at the local level. Each unique YA affiliate is united by a shared mission to inspire young people and expand their learning through the arts.

With its high-quality and remarkably mutually supportive approach to literacy in musical, visual, verbal, performing and multi-media arts, Mostel's *Travels of Babar*, based on Jean de Brunhoff's classic book, would create an optimal opportunity to integrate this production into a significant learning and developmental experience at multiple grade levels. Your support of this project would be significant in our mission to inspire young people and expand their learning through the arts.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Dik
National Executive Director