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Ms. Carter Norton  
Mr. Don Rickenback  
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Dear Carter, Don, and Johnny:

The Adventures of ZAK is a powerful, moving and truthful play about the relationships between pre-adolescents and adults, and in particular, it gets to the heart of how difficult life really is for children entering their teenage years. We take for granted as adults that we have issues and problems that are greater than those of our children. This play brings to light, very quickly, that in fact the opposite is true. Children struggle with a variety of issues that we don't take the time to really listen to and understand. This play is about relationships and honesty and hope, not just for teenagers and parents, but I believe for each one of us whatever our life situation is.

The play centers around four children and their respective parents and a common misunderstanding that occurs between parent and child. ZAK, this wonderful, magical creature from outer space comes into their lives and helps bring them together. The dialogue, the music, singing and dancing are so quick paced that I was captivated for the entire performance. I was brought clearly and succinctly into the mind of a teenager and as a parent clearly understood the emotions from that perspective. By the end of the performance felt such hope for all of us that I have not felt in a long time.

I went to the performance with my wife, my mother, and my uncle. At the end of the performance ZAK makes it clear that he must return to his planet but that he has accomplished his mission with the eight characters on the stage. The scene was so emotional that I was surprised at my own reaction; I was overwhelmed. I turned to my mother, my uncle and my wife and saw tears streaming down their faces. The Adventures of ZAK are the adventures of all of us who go through life sometimes not understanding one another, never realizing how wonderful life really is and how much easier could be if we simply took the time to speak and to listen.

Sincerely,

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