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Americas Musicworks
Rebecca DeLamotte, Director
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Dear Rebecca,

On behalf of our Board of Directors I am writing to express what an honor and privilege it was for Patrons and Friends of the Arts to present *Ensemble Chaconne* with Mezzo Soprano, Pamela Dellal in *Measure for Measure: The Original Music of Shakespeare's Plays* this past Sunday. The program was brilliantly created and exquisitely performed with both historical integrity and musical virtuosity.

It is a rare opportunity to hear music from this era played on authentic instruments by performers who truly understand ensemble, bring out the best of each instrument, and allow the richness of each line and phrase in the music to flow out of the instruments throughout the performance.

Pamela Dellal simply "wowed" us throughout the concert. Her mastery of the style, extensive memorization of the texts, and the great joy she expresses in her singing helped keep the audience totally engaged from beginning to end.

I was pleased in our conversations following the concert that the ensemble was able to sense the warmth and enthusiasm of the audience every moment of the concert and not just by the extended standing ovation at the end.

Rebecca, it has been a privilege to work with you as manager of the ensemble. In the year and a half since our conversations began your consistent professionalism and attention to detail has made the hosting job for me simply a pleasure.

In the 22 year history of our arts series we have presented many nationally and internationally renowned artists. We have presented numbers of early music groups and artists. The *Ensemble Chaconne* performance can certainly be considered a highlight among these numerous concerts. I have already had formal requests to bring them back. Please offer my personal thanks to Pamela, Peter, Carol, and Chris for the great gift they provided the metro Columbia area and I look forward to the opportunity for another concert in a future season.

Sincerely,

James H. Johnson, Concert Coordinator