

To Whom It May Concern,

I recently had the privilege of taking part in JPEC's program, "Generations-Stars and Rising Stars" at the Aga Khan Museum's Bellerive Room. It was very gratifying to witness the development of a former student of mine, David Cruz, and to be able to share the stage with him. This program makes a huge contribution to the promotion and mentorship of younger players that are just starting to find their way on their personal musical journeys, which in today's economic climate is especially daunting. This program allows younger players to interact with more seasoned "veterans" and in so doing, provides a great learning opportunity to develop their skill set. Equally important, it provides financial compensation to all the musicians involved, and in these very trying times, it is certainly needed and much appreciated. JPEC certainly has it's heart in the right place with the Generations Program and all the other programs that they are affiliated with. I hope that they will be receiving continued support.

Respectfully, Lorne Lofsky