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COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE, SPONSORS, AND CAST/CREW
FIRE IN THE HEART, Cabrillo Theatre Arts Evening of World Theatre
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AUDIENCE FEEDBACK:

**Congrats on a marvelous night! Joe Simitian, Supervisor
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors**

You and your crew put together a show that was...AWESOME, DEEPLY
MOVING, **CELEBRATORY, GUTSY, SUPER TALENTED, AMAZING,**
SPIRITUALLY FULFILLING!!! Don Faia, Graphic Designer, Visual Artist

What a moving and inspirational show! I knew it would be
great, but it was **the most moving, touching and spectacular
performance I've ever seen**; I truly hope a tour takes place
so many others can be touched and begin to heal by it. I
loved the variety of performers, so unique and powerful. I

know many hearts were touched and blessed by the evening. Joni Renelian, grandmother

The show was amazing from start to finish. Janice Wittenberg, RN

Thanks so much for the amazing show last night! Some great stories, entertainment and healing that **created a very special atmosphere**. Congratulations! Marcus Cato, former managing Director, Shakespeare Santa Cruz

Deborah, You did an amazing job on the show. I cried the whole time you were talking.... Literally. Michelle Knudsen, Hair stylist

All I can say is, "WOW," and, "THANK YOU," from my entire being for **the most beautiful once in a lifetime performance last night!!!! I was literally crying tears of joy, appreciation, and deep gratitude for every single performer.**

I was moved beyond belief and touched so deeply, especially since I so connect with music and story telling for my own healing.

Mazel tov for a beautiful and special performance and night to remember that was **truly sacred and breathtaking!** Shoshannah Orzech, clinician, Palo Alto Medical Foundation

Bravo, Deborah Allen! This was a powerful array of performance art about healing. **Joyful and transformative, even for a cynic like me. I hope you're able to "take this on the road" and share with the world.** Absolutely fabulous, as you could tell by the response of your filled-to-capacity theater audience! Rose Filicetti, Board member, Digital Nest, community activist

Thank you for a lovely evening of love, vulnerability and joy! **Caroline Robertson**

The show was absolutely amazing. **Moving, inspirational,, totally impressive...**Mischa Eovald, LCSW

I had the honor tonight of seeing the new musical play **Fire in the Heart** produced and written by my friend **Deborah Allen**. It was a tour de force of healing. Music of the first order. Stories poignantly told

and dramatized. Thank you Deborah. I cried, I laughed, I healed some of my own past. I wish all the Santa Cruz songwriters and musicians had been there, everyone who received a Gail Rich award. Thank you to Wallace Baine for writing the great piece in the Sentinel. Now to take this play to New York. It is about how we can heal ourselves and create peace in our world. It works. It must be heard. Helen Maslocka, entrepreneur

Your show was amazing, thank you for the tickets. You and your cast did spectacular. Kristine Beck, student

Thank you touching the entire audience with sharing your deepest wound to inspire us all to go for our best even in spite of the trauma that life gives us. Karen Lehman, retired school teacher

I just wanted to tell you that we went to Cabrillo last Saturday and witnessed a truly amazing "Evening of World Theatre". Fire in the Heart was phenomenal and touched our hearts in so many ways. Thankfully I had a wad of tissue in my pocket, because I cried throughout the evening. You, Delores Burgess and your amazing group of artists truly did an incredible performance and it touched us in so many ways. Everyone's life experiences shared that evening were so courageous and some were all too familiar. They were all heartbreaking, but knowing they have found strength, courage and peace through the healing of their passion such as music, art, dance, etc., is simply amazing. I was touched by all the performances, but I must say Tom North's story was shocking. I could relate to his story on so many levels and have so much respect for him and all of you. You are all heroes! The music was incredible as well and even though most of the evening was hard to understand for our nine year old, he loved the music. He memorized some of the lyrics and continues to sing here and there and everywhere. :) K, Survivor

Congratulations on the show, what a triumph of spirit and talent, it was moving for everyone. Mercedes Lewis, The Tannery

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Some of the finest and respectful performers that I have ever had the privilege of working with!! Beautiful and powerful work lead by a whirlwind force that knows

how to powerfully and gently move and motivate ! Skip Epperson, Co- Chair, Theatre Arts, Cabrillo College and set designer Fire in the Heart

WOW! What an evening. CONGRATULATIONS! Thank you for making this Evening of World Theatre the most special of all!! Sarah Albertsen, Co-Chair, Cabrillo Theatre Arts

Wow, Wow...just Wow. Powerful, emotional, inspirational, uplifting...healing. Thank you for the work that went in to bring this to the people. This show must be taken on the road. Standing ovation Deborah Allen. Polly Shultze Elser

That was an amazing show! So well done, the performers were so authentic in their art, both acknowledging the challenge and struggle of trauma and honoring their own healing journeys into a celebration of life and wholeness. It was so inspiring, healing and moving, can't say enough good things about the show. The standing ovation could have gone on for hours, people clapping from their hearts in gratitude, affirmation, understanding, compassion, empathy, clapping for all that's good and right in this world of ours, that we all may rise up into our own wholeness, trying to give back in some way the amazing GIFT Fire in the Heart had just bestowed on its audience. BRAVO BRAVO BRAVO to EVERYONE in Fire in the Heart and all the behind the scenes folks that made this great show happen. You are the best! Namaste. Kathy Riley, Survivors Healing Network

I was SO impressed and moved by your show...and so proud to be a small part of it! You did an amazing job, truly! I feel blessed to have seen it. Gayle Ortiz, Gayle's Bakery

Noble achievement. Wow! What power. Congrats and *onward and upward*. Joe Ortiz, Gayle's Bakery

My wife Kate and 6 other church members were indeed there

Saturday night and returned to us transformed. They spoke so gratefully **about the honesty, artistry and integrity of the evening.**
Dave Grimshaw Jones, Peace United Church

Thank YOU for including us!! **Everyone who attended from WomenCARE had so many positive things to say about the event, the production, the moving stories, etc. It was beautiful!** Womencare

BIG kudos to you Deb for an amazing job on Saturday. **Rave reviews from everyone!** Monarch Services

Great job @Deborah Allen! Linda Gold, Board member, Monarch Services

Thanks so much from the bottom of my heart. **I am still stunned by how amazing Saturday night was.** Martina O'Sullivan, Director of Community Outreach, Dignity Health-Dominican Hospital

From Sandino Gomez at the Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History:

It was a pleasure to be there and we were happy to be there and contribute our piece to the evening. **It really seemed like people enjoyed the Pop Up museum and in addition to all the people who arranged to be there, two people brought objects spontaneously. Several people also made their own labels the night of that had special messages of hope, healing and recovery from trauma.**

My two coworkers really appreciated the show and both told me how cool it was. I was lucky enough to catch Gina and Chris perform which is awesome cause I'm friends with them both. I was able to watch most of the show from the lobby TV's and it looked incredible.

Thanks again for reaching out and including us. **This was a great partnership** and I hope we can continue to work together into the future.
Cheers and Congratulations on a job very well done!

CAST COMMENTS

Deb's youtube to cast before show

<https://youtu.be/iUsCMZPWSOo>

I am still full from my awesome experience working and spending time with you all. So much joy! **What we did together is priceless. There was an explosion of Love and Healing on the stage Saturday night. I know that every soul was touched in a unique way. Thank you for saying yes. Thank you for telling your story and sharing your gifts.** Continue to be a vessel of light and change everywhere you go. Amazing days are ahead. Love you all. See you soon
Shalom. Stephan & Monica Terry, pianist, music director

Everyone's responses and acknowledgements are simply heartwarming! My husband and I can't stop talking about the show, it's professionalism and how powerful it was! **Every FIRE Artist (and Crew) blew the audiences' mind!! If you didn't go into the lobby to hear the accolades, you missed a treat!** Bear with me, I'm so proud of everyone!! Delores Burgess, co-director, actor, Gospel singer

I am eternally grateful to have been included in the cast of F/H. I learned so much from each of you and was in awe of your talents, energy and support of each other. **You are a magical group of people who came together to create a mystical evening of love and change in the world.** I am so honored to have worked with you. Tom North, author, monologist

A piece of my soul came back to me last night and I am just able to notice it now. You all shot an I.V. back into a dormant performers heart last night. I found a place of passion I had long forgotten how to connect to and you all helped light the road to guide me back in. To be in such a caliber of performers who are approachable, down to earth, awake alive and active in your own internal work...both gives me hope and blows my mind and calls me up to a new level in myself. A call that I will answer because of what last night awoke in me and because of the connection and support I feel from all of you. Becca Hunnicutt, poet

I'm just brewing with LOVE and Appreciation for each and every one of YOU and your beautiful expression and stories shared last night! I am so happy and honored to be a part of this collective and experience and I want you all to know I'm SOOO down, Up , all around to do more of these performances! **SO Deb that Means I want to help however I can to make this thing tour!** Gina Rene, hip hop artist

Thank you for having us!!!! **it was one of the best experiences of my life!** Freewill, The Luminaries Hip Hop Emissaries of Peace

I'm adding my voice to this chorus of Love and healing. I echo the sentiments of all of you who have written so beautifully! I feel transformed from our week together and from

the powerful time with that incredible audience on stage Saturday night. **My music making will be forever changed- deepened and connected** into Source, the Unitive. Special bow and kisses to Deb and Dolores. My bottomless love and gratitude to each and every one of you. Lisa Lancaster, cellist and monologist

It has been 9 days since our performance, followed by an eclipse/new moon. It has been a powerful sweeping away and letting go. My soul has been moved to it's depths through Fire in the Heart. Thank you for holding hands on this journey.

Shine on!

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Blessings to you all Brittney Buffo

Hey y'all that was an amazing event & very powerful. It was great working with you all. Blessings Chris Rene, hip hop artist

I, too, want to echo the powerful sentiments expressed over these few days since our magical evening together. **I carry the evening with me, and so, on some way, I carry you.** With gratitude, Rabbi Eli Cohen

What an amazing group of people you all are. keep on giving your love away. More will come your way. Stay blessed...Akindele Bankole

It was an honor and a pleasure to cater 2 dinners for this **amazing group of performers and artists. Their message of strength and hope in the face of trauma, abuse, and hardship was incredibly uplifting.** Thanks to everyone involved in "Fire In The Heart"! Ryan Allen, chef

