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To Arts Presenters:

This is to recommend most enthusiastically the **RICHTER UZUR DOU**, comprised of guitarist Brad Richter and cellist Viktor Uzur - two classically trained, award-winning, and highly personable musicians and composers.

Our Arts Council first presented guitarist / composer Brad Richter in 2006, and he has returned each year to perform in concert, conduct instructive-interactive performances in our schools, and teach master guitar classes. In 2008, Brad introduced us to Viktor when the Richter-Uzur Dou played a concert of classical works, pop tunes, and some of their own compositions, that brought our capacity audience to its feet, shouting for more.

We serve a rural community in Western North Carolina, where audiences tend to have traditional tastes. Imagine our surprise and delight when, mid-concert, Brad and Vik drew a sustained standing, cheering ovation for their innovative rendition of Dick Dale's "Miserlou," which they transitioned into Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of the Bumblebee." Their interpretations breathe new life into classic works, while their compositions are beautifully melodic and highly expressive. It's noteworthy that the audience responded as enthusiastically to Brad and Vik's original pieces as they did to the classical selections on the program.

In my twenty-three years as Arts Council director, I've rarely met artists who possess such outstanding musicianship, professionalism, energy, flexibility, and, considering their impressive credentials (Royal College of Music, Moscow Conservatory, awards too numerous to list), humility. If you're looking for high performance and low maintenance, the Richter Uzur Duo is it!

I wholeheartedly and without reservation recommend them to you.

Please feel free to contact me for more information:

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