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Dear Council Member Thune,

Thank you for your support of the St. Paul Conservatory of Music. With the support the St. Paul Cultural STAR grant funding, the Conservatory is able to bring a dynamic noontime series of high-caliber music performances to downtown Saint Paul audiences, for free.

The Coffee Concert Series attracts an audience of 700 attendees throughout the year that is as diverse as St. Paul itself: primarily Downtown St. Paul workers, low-income elderly residents, and home-schooled children and their families. The STAR grant dollars help us leverage additional funding, and allows us to bring high quality, free concerts to people in St. Paul who may not otherwise have the resources to attend cultural and artistic events.

The Coffee Concert Series is offered free to the public on the first Wednesday of each month, November through May. The Coffee Concert Series offers music from diverse cultural traditions, such as Eastern European Baroque, Brahms, Classic Jazz, and Latin music with Tango dancers. Performers in the Series are often Conservatory faculty, a diverse group of artists who hail from around the globe, including Russia, Brazil, Israel, Japan, Poland, Argentina and Peru. The diversity and excellence of the musicianship is what continues to draw audience members.

Cultural STAR funding of the Coffee Concert Series significantly increases access to very high caliber of musicianship to St. Paul's workers, elderly and families with school aged children. We are very grateful for your support in the past and hope you will continue to support our work to make music accessible to all, not just to those who are privileged enough to afford it.

Gratefully,

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