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Mr. Mark Kaisersatt
Environmental Health Specialist
City of Saint Paul
Department of Safety and Inspections
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Suite 220
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Dear Mr. Kaisersatt:

Thank you for your Notice of Public Hearing concerning the request for a variance from the sound level limitations as indicated in the Saint Paul Noise Ordinance from the Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation for amplified music between 9am and 9pm from January 27 through February 6, 2011 during the Saint Paul Winter Carnival.

The Ordway would like to inform you and the Department of Safety and Inspections that the MN Opera has performances at the Ordway on Saturday, Jan. 29th at 8pm, February 1st at 7:30pm, February 3rd at 7:30pm, February 5th at 7:30pm and February 6th at 2pm. A variance from the sound level limitations will negatively impact the patron experience of attending a MN Opera performance at the Ordway.

Currently, the noise from the Winter Carnival negatively impacts activities in the lobby of the Ordway and we can only presume that allowing increased noise levels will add to this impact and potentially impact the performance inside the Music Theater. We request that the event is organized within the current sound level limitations and that a variance is not granted.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 651-282-3040.

Sincerely,

Lynn A. Von Eschen
Vice President and General Manager