

Hello Ray

I hope this message finds you well. Thank you for asking me to contribute to the impact report of TD's contribution to JPEC. JPEC & TD's impact is immensely important for a number of reasons. They consistently provide a place for young musicians to perform. When musicians are young and starting out, finding places to perform is not always easy. Thankfully, JPEC targets young musicians and helps bring them to the spotlight. By focusing on Jazz specifically, JPEC is successfully continuing the appreciation of an important cultural and artistic staple in North American music. The more people focusing on keeping traditions alive in arts and entertainment, the better. Funding will continue to bring awareness to this important backbone of music for generations to come. Moreover, it has been great to receive compensation to perform. Not all venues give artists a guarantee. With the help of funding, JPEC has been able to provide a guaranteed salary to the musicians performing. This is important for the sake of the arts and entertainment economy. It is important that JPEC continues to receive funding, amidst the global pandemic in order to provide compensation to musicians whose livelihoods have been seriously affected. Once the pandemic is lifted and the performance industry returns to a new normal, funding will be essential in order to continue to pay young musicians to perform an important genre of music for many years to come.

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