

Dear Board Members:

I am sorry to hear of your decision to eliminate the Orchestra for your upcoming season. If it is a ploy to get more money from the community, I hope it works. However, the damage has been done and the company will no longer be awarded the same level of prestige it has enjoyed in the past. One would expect that it is the Board's job to support the art form in such a way that will not only inspire the dancers but will also satisfy the audience. That, can only happen with live music. I hope you will be able to recover from the negative impact of this decision and to maintain your audience support. But, unfortunately, these decisions have a lasting, negative effect on the musicians, dancers, and the community.

Sincerely,
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