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J. Kevin Frawley
Vice President
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September 26, 2002

Dear Akemi,

I wanted to thank you and the 'Polynesian Paradise Dancers, Singers and Musicians' for your incredible contribution to the success of our summer animation release *'Lilo and Stitch.'*

Everyone's time, talent and energy really helped to make the World Premieres at the legendary El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood, and the premiere at Graceland in Memphis exceed everyone's expectations.

The collection of talent and chosen choreography for the ABC television special really made it something terrific in our summer lineup.

Akemi, you have been a wonderful Hawaiian consultant, casting assistant and booker on this project and I would not hesitate to use you again on a project in the future.

Please thank everyone for me and I look forward to seeing them all again real soon.

Sincerely,

J. Kevin Frawley

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To Whom It May Concern:

Akemi Welsh and her Polynesian Paradise Dancers are on a mission to protect and share the culture of Hawaii! In doing so, they delight their audiences with excellent dances and showmanship presented within an informative narrative.

I first saw the dancers in action at a Western Arts Alliance conference, and I admired their grace and colorful costumes. I did not expect ARTCORE would have the funds to present them, until we were contacted to block book with Gillette, WY, when a small ensemble of the group was touring through the area.

We did not know about this performance early enough to include it in our series brochure, which always makes us nervous about getting the word out. We were happy to find that many people were anxious to see this troupe, and they were “wowed” with the great dance, the colorful costumes, and, in that case, the exciting fire dance. The group includes volunteers from the audience for some great fun trying the dances.

Once again, last month we took advantage of presenting the Polynesian Paradise Dancers en route, and though that venue would not allow the fire dance, people thoroughly enjoyed the theme of travel, beautiful slides of the islands, and the great dance. We have in the works a return visit which will include school outreach, so that students and teachers also might learn from and enjoy this wonderful company!

I hope you will strongly consider supporting or booking this quality troupe!

Wishing you joy,

Carolyn Deuel
Executive Director



LOS ANGELES CENTER STUDIOS

July 13th 2016

To whom it may concern:

Re: The Polynesian Paradise Dancers performance on 7/13/16

The Polynesian Paradise Dancers performed at our luncheon event, and their performance made it one of our best events to date.

I had the pleasure of working with Akemi Welsh, her amazing Polynesian dancers & fire performer, and 4 piece Hawaiian-band. Akemi was reliable, professional, and answered every question that we had about the performance.

On the day of our event, the performers and band arrived early with enough time to set-up. The band members were upbeat and very talented. They kept the crowd's energy going for the entire 2 hours, and complemented the dancers perfectly. The fire performance was a real show-stopper and had everyone standing up from their seats. Akemi and her exquisite dancers showcased various dances, adorned with beautiful costumes and accessories.

We could not have been more pleased with the outcome, and would recommend The Polynesian Paradise Dancers to anyone.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Mora
Tenant Services Coordinator
Los Angeles Center Studios

24 March 2010

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that the Polynesian Paradise Dancers, led by Ms Rebecca Reyes, have performed at Hilton Abu Dhabi on 19 and 20 November 2009. The dancers have displayed their art in various forms from the native Hawaiian to the Fire Knife dance. Our guests were pleased with the artists' professionalism and their excellent performance. The experience was great!

We wish the Polynesian Paradise Dancers all the best in their future endeavours.

Yours truly



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November 16, 2018

To whom it may concern:

On Friday, August 10, 2018, Redlands Bowl Performing Arts was thrilled to present Polynesian Paradise Dancers to an audience of over 3500 on the Redlands Bowl Summer Music Festival stage. For over 95-years, a mission of Redlands Bowl Performing Arts has been "music for everyone," and no admission was charged for the performance.

It was a highlight of the Redlands Bowl season. Polynesian Paradise Dancers presented a culturally rich and highly entertaining program. Audience members felt as if they'd been taken on a musical and dance journey through the Polynesian Islands. The show was visually stunning, musically rich, and culturally enlightening.

In addition to the main stage performance, Polynesian Paradise Dancers presented a Children's Festival Workshop. Families who attended had great fun being actively engaged in learning Polynesian dance and gained many insights into Polynesian cultures.

Throughout our engagement with Polynesian Paradise Dancers, founder and director Akemi Welsh was wonderful to work with. Our communications were clear and direct, and her vision to artistically celebrate the cultures of Polynesia with excellence was always evident. We look forward to the opportunity to work with her and Polynesian Paradise Dancers again.

Sincerely,

Valerie Peister
Program Director