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Dear Ms. Bruce;

It was my pleasure to see your performance at Central Michigan University, on Sept 28, 2004. Although the College of Health Professions originally scheduled you specifically for Deaf Awareness Week, we were very happy that you allowed the Michigan Story Festival to also include your performance as a pre-Festival event. The mission of the Michigan Story Festival is to share stories through thought, image, sound, and action.

Your performance in American Sign Language, about your experiences as a deaf person in a hearing world, certainly shared your stories in a variety of ways. The deaf enthusiastically received them, as did hearing members of the audience who were ASL signers. It was clearly a joy for these members of our community to be able to experience stories in ASL directly, without the use of an interpreter! For the hearing, non-signing members of the audience, your thoughts were conveyed well through your expressive use of your physical instrument, and also by your use of non-verbal sounds to convey excitement, dismay, and other emotions that were needed to tell your stories. The images, songs, and text projected on various screens gave audience members needing more information a visual aid to help them follow along with the stories.

Thank you for being a part of our festival.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Malloy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" and last name "Malloy" clearly legible.

Kevin Malloy
Co-Chair, 2004 Michigan Story Festival