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Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing to recommend SHANA BANANA for your school music programs in Suffolk County Long Island, New York.

For many years, Eastern Music Festival has provided excellent educational programs featuring outstanding guest artists for the children and their families residing in our geographical area. In 2008, SHANA BANANA visited Greensboro to give two performances for children ages 2-7, one free performance for inner city day care children, and one performance to Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, NC. She returned in 2009 to give one public performance and one performance for inner city day care children.

SHANA BANANA has consistently and effectively delivered educational concepts through her music to the Greensboro community. In 2009, the educational theme for the concert was Beach Party USA – a musical show on environmental awareness. In a fun and enticing way, children learned about taking care of the environment, learning animal names, and much more. SHANA BANANA offers many educational themes, including *CHE-HAN-TAH-MO! - Seminole Indian Songs, Stories, and Language*, *BANANAS FOR LUNCH - Shana Banana Sings About Nutrition*, *SPARK! - Super Powerful Awesome Recycling Kids!*, and *HOLIDAY SHOW - Shana Banana celebrates all the holidays!*

Children love SHANA BANANA's delivery of material. She encourages them to participate through hand motions, singing along, and joining her on stage. Children remember her songs (and the content!) because they are fun and easy to learn. In the 2008 Greensboro performances, Shana worked with a small children's chorus that accompanied her and helped her include the audience children. Her kind, patient, and enthusiastic nature gave them an experience they will never forget!

SHANA BANANA is a delightful person and performer: Her energy and up-beat attitude is contagious. It is no wonder that she has earned both Parents' choice and NAPPA awards. I highly recommend SHANA BANANA for any educational performance with and for young children. You will be glad you hired her! Feel free to contact me, if you have further questions.

Kind regards,



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