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Richard L. Floyd and Members of the Austin Symphonic Band:

Congratulations on an outstanding concert at the Midwest Clinic last month, and THANK YOU specifically for the artistry and accomplishment that you brought to the performance of my piece. You played with such musicality and maturity, and I was thrilled with the result!

As a former member of the Minnesota Symphonic Winds and a frequent collaborator with the Northshore Concert Band, I am a big believer in the important role that community-based ensembles play in both music education and public performance. The Austin Symphonic Band clearly exemplifies what such an organization can and should be, and I was proud to be associated with you through the Midwest performance.

I also enjoyed meeting and talking with many of you during the course of the week, and I hope our paths cross again in the near future!

All best wishes,



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