

December 20, 2010

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the University of Minnesota's Center for Spirituality & Healing, we are proud and pleased to collaborate with **TigerLion Arts** and include **KIPO!** as an official event when His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama visits the University of Minnesota in May, 2011. The Center for Spirituality & Healing, in partnership with the Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota, will co-host all activities associated with the visit, which will be defined by the theme, "One Heart, One Mind, One Universe." **KIPO!** adds a key cultural component to this extraordinary experience.

Our partnership with TigerLion Arts began in 2009 with the production of ***The Buddha Prince*** which helped launch the Center's "Arts and Healing" initiative. The show was an excellent illustration of how arts and healing are inherently connected. This spring, we worked together again to create ***Nature*** which was a highlight of the Center's "Ways of Knowing" symposium. Both of these productions supported the Center's purposes of education and broad community engagement.

TigerLion Arts is a talented and well-managed organization, with an inspiring mission to "celebrate human wisdom and the spirit of Nature through creative works that awaken, inform, and delight." All productions are of the highest quality. Thus, it is with confidence and anticipation that we partner on **KIPO!** as an essential, cultural dimension to this momentous weekend of high-visibility activities.

Furthermore, we are delighted that **KIPO!** will be presented by performers from the Tibetan Institute of the Performing Arts (TIPA). As the premiere institute for Tibetan cultural music and dance, TIPA members will perform many of Tibet's ancient dances and songs and they will weave them into an intricate story of a child of Tibet who emerges into the modern world. We believe the show's universal themes and cross-cultural messages will strength the dialogues and deeper understanding generated by His Holiness' presence in Minnesota.

For your reference, the Center for Spirituality & Healing was established in 1995 and is a nationally-regarded institution that conducts research in integrative health and healing; educates our next generation of health professionals; empowers consumers to take greater charge of their health; and facilitates partnerships across corporate and community boundaries. As part of the University's Academic Health Center, the Center draws on the rich expertise of faculty and community practitioners to advance understanding of diverse cultures, beliefs and health practices, and builds on the University's strengths of innovation and clinical excellence.

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Our partnership with TigerLion Arts and TIPA is an excellent way for us to deepen our work in the realm of arts and healing. Should any questions or concerns arise, please do not hesitate to contact me—I can be reached by phone at 612-624-9459 or at kreit003@umn.edu.

Warm regards,



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