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I am writing this letter as a very high endorsement of the South Central Regional Music Conference. Mark Walker had me as the special guest artist for the 2010 Conference. It was one of the best run conferences that I have ever been to. And with Mark's desire to make it better and bigger, combined with his strong work ethic, effort, and determination, I'm sure the conference will grow in size and quality to be even more than it presently is. And it is wonderful right now.

I had a wonderful time and played with and interacted with some terrific musicians, both student and professional. Some of them were truly outstanding. I was also treated with the utmost courtesy by everyone. It was a ball.

The real point of the conference however to me, is not just how good the bands are now, but to create a continuing situation to inspire our youth to get better and more involved with the art and the joys that music can bring to all people. Of course to realize his dream Mark and the others involved need the support both in spirit and frankly financially to keep this going and keep it growing. I strongly urge you to support this absolutely wonderful event each year. Thank you so much. Best wishes for the Conference this year and many many to come.