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*Dear Sir/Madam*

*RE: HOW MUSIC CAN TOUCH LIVES*

*I write this letter to emphasize on the importance and how music can transform and change lives.*

*Music is an important part of life, it defines who we are, interprets our feelings but the most amazing thing is how it can have such great impact in and transform lives. It touches the soul and inner self as Mzwakhe Mbuli once said in one of his poems, "our music is rich and soul lifting." Through it we tell the world our beliefs, feelings,*

*dreams and it has the power to change one's mood. We often get comfort, consoled during the funeral of a loved one, we cheer up because of that music.*

*A role music has played in society is to reform lives. Music can help create a crime free society and promote peace. It brings a whole new meaning to life. Some great musicians were murders, criminals but were transformed by the touch of music, there were transformed from their past lives and into a new future. Music has the power to change one's heart as Maria Von Trapp said, "music acts like a Magic key to which the most tightly closed heart opens." Through music people can discover the unknown part of their lives. It is such a worthwhile opportunity for exploration of self.*

*The world is full of suffering, pain and hurt but music can give us hope that it can all go away. At times of difficulty music soothes, comforts, inspires and gives hope. Songs like 'The storm is over' and 'I believe' by R. Kelly give hope and courage. I loved this quote by Martin Luther about music "...it drives out the devil and makes people cheerful." Music can create inner peace and peace in the world. If we dance to the rhythm of music then we could make a difference.*

*As Heinrich Heine said, "Where words leave off, music begins off." Music fills the vacuum and devours silence in our lives. It is a way to express ourselves when too sad, too excited or when it is hard to say but we have the urge to stand out. When we sing we release deep emotions from the heart and leaves a good feeling. Musicals such as Sarafina send a touching but bold message, through these people gain courage to stand up for their rights, beliefs.*

*For a long time music has been used for therapeutic reasons even the Ancient Greeks believed music had the power to heal. It can be used in therapy and to motivate people in distressing situations, battling deadly diseases such as cancer to continue on fighting for their lives. Songs like "There can be miracles" by Whitney Houston motivate such people to continue battling no matter what. In America some organisations are formed which use music to make a difference by motivating severely sick and disabled people.*

*Regardless of cultural difference, music unites the world. Songs like "we are the world" by various artists promote that spirit of unity and togetherness during hard and good times. There was a great musician in South Africa Princess Magogo whom through her music she united the Zulu nations.*

*All in all music can reform, transform, unite and rejuvenate. Having realized what a difference music can do to the world I suggest many organisations and companies take more part in growth of music through sponsoring aspiring artists.*

*Yours Faithfully,*

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