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To Whom It May Concern,

Smadar Levi has been part of the Seeds of Peace family for almost a year. I first came in contact with Smadar in February when we selected her, along with three-time Grammy winner John Legend, to perform at our annual Gala entitled "A Journey Through the Peace Market". In performing for Seeds of Peace, Smadar joined a prestigious list of prior musical guests which include: Hotti and the Blowfish, Wynton Marsalis, Bare Naked Ladies, and Miri Ben-Ari. We choose Smadar both because we see her as an up-and-coming artist and because her music represents the vision of Jewish-Arab coexistence that Seeds of Peace strives to create.

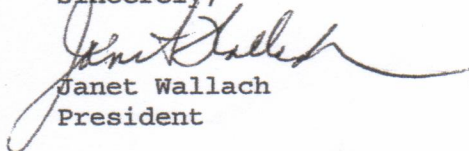
At a Journey through the Peace Market, Smadar sang songs in both Arabic and Hebrew to an audience of 1,000 people. Her emotive vocals were accompanied by a world-class band made of Israeli, Palestinian, Moroccan, and Turkish musicians. She received a standing ovation for her performance of her original rhythmic tune entitled "Salaam Ulhub", which means "Peace and Love. Seeds of Peace awarded Smadar a prize for "uniting world cultures through music to achieve peace."

Smadar's next performance for Seeds of Peace was in July at our International camp in Otisfield, Main. Instead of playing for the "A" list of NYC social life, Smadar performed in front of 160 youths including Israelis, Palestinians, Egyptians, Moroccans, Indians, and Pakistanis. From the very first note, the kids loved Smadar and she loved them right back. Indeed, it was an amazing sight to behold, Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and Hindu youths hugging together and singing a song for peace in unison at the top of their lungs. As one Seed put it after the show, "It was 160 people, but one soul."

Following her show at the Seeds of Peace International Camp, and in light of the recent conflict in the region, Smadar assembled a small benefit concert for Seeds of Peace entitled "A voice for Peace in a Time of War: Smadar in Concert." The concert, which consisted of world music and Hip-Hop, drew a packed house, and demonstrated once again the power of music to unite people and transcend national, ethnic, and religious boundaries.

I am pleased that Smadar has been part of our organization and look forward to see great things from her in the future. She is a beautiful and talented woman who has marshalled her skills and passion to noble ends.

Sincerely,

  
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