



Push Physical Theater
Darren & Heather Stevenson
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Dear Heather & Darren,

It was a great pleasure to host Push Physical Theater in Jackson Hole for the first annual Jackson Hole Wild Festival. After your performance, a member of the audience made a comment that I came to hear over and over again throughout the following week. "Push made me laugh, they made me cry, they were just amazing! Are you going to bring them back next year?"

I am grateful for your attentiveness to the theme of the festival. Your performance of "The Natural World," was appropriate and successful in showing the audience that we are a part of a community of wild things. The Two Headed Bug, The Scorpion and the playful Squat Frogs, although created to be fantastical creatures, reminded the audience that all living things need to be treated kindly and with respect.

Push so aptly and movingly explored the human condition or what I like to call the universal condition. The emotions, paradoxes and conflict we face as humans and that you explore through physical theater provided a mirror to illuminate our own values. Particularly in Jackson Hole, where we live at the gateway to two National Parks and the vast Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, our ability to respond to and effectively overcome threats to the wildness of this place depends on values informed and developed by a clear understanding of the universal condition.

Bravo to you Push Physical Theater. I was happy to join the Jackson Hole audience in their standing ovation to you. Your art form transcends the banality of our everyday actions and thoughts. You took us outside of ourselves to show us a bigger picture of the world we live in.

Thank you very much. I look forward to future collaborations.

Sincerely,
Marylee White
JH Wild Festival Director