

Correo Aereo

Letter of Recommendation

Hamline [University](#) St. Paul, Minnesota

It is my pleasure to write a recommendation for Correo Aéreo. Abel and Madeleine Rocha entertained the Hamline University community during an evening performance in October. Hamline University is a small liberal arts [college](#) located in St. Paul, Minnesota and has undergraduate students, graduate students, and law students. The music of Correo Aéreo carried the audience to a new world with a soul filled with beauty and courage. The instrumentation and vocals transformed the audience from distant observers to intimate participants in the struggle for a cultural voice. That the participants were affected is evident in the comments below:

"I didn't need to know Spanish because this music touched my soul."

-Hamline student

"Their instrumentation is truly remarkable."

-Hamline music faculty member

After the performance, Abel and Madeleine welcomed people up on stage to ask questions and to see the unique instruments. They were warm and responsive to people's inquiries. Abel and Madeleine's musical creations are intricately related to the cultural origins of the people of Venezuela, Mexico, and Argentina. Their performance inspired respect and curiosity about a culture and a people whose voice is rarely heard and even more rarely experienced. Abel and Madeleine are talented professional musicians whose skill is evident in their ability to adjust to the needs of each performance. Although we did not utilize their talents in an artist-in-residence program, I am confident that they would be inspiring teachers who extend beyond musicians to sharing their talents. I observed them work with curious audience members of all ages and cultures for almost an hour after the performance. Their patience and belief in their work was evident. Madeleine and Abel Rocha of Correo Aéreo are a rare find in the world of musicians. Their music is a cultural experience which enhances any group they work with. I recommend Correo Aéreo with the highest regards and best wishes for their future success.

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