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Mr. Eric Harkness
Department of Planning
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Harkness

We have learned with great interest that some thought is being given to the construction of a permanent stage in Piedmont Park to be used by the annual Arts Festival, and various performing groups in Atlanta.

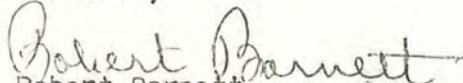
The Atlanta Civic Ballet ardently supports such an endeavor, for we are well aware of the limited facilities available to all of the performing arts in our community. A more expanded schedule of dance programs would be possible with such a facility, particularly in the area of special performances for young people.

For over 25 years the Atlanta Civic Ballet has presented a special series of Saturday afternoon matinees for elementary school children, using high school auditoriums, at an admission charge of only 60¢. We feel that, in this area alone, much could be accomplished with a facility which would be available to us at no cost, or for a very nominal fee. Arrangements for the use of high school auditoriums are not always easy to make, and the time available in them is very limited.

Even with the construction of a new city auditorium, and the theater and auditorium in the Cultural Center, facilities will be extremely limited, and rental charges would be out of the question for performances of the type mentioned above. The Atlanta Civic Ballet feels that it would be able to use to good advantage an additional performing facility.

We shall be glad to consult with you further in this regard, should you desire to do so.

Sincerely


Robert Barnett,
Artistic Director

CC: Mr. Jack Delius, Mr. Charles Leftwich