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Professor Ralph Hedges

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Dear Professor Hedges:

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on the performance of your three students at the APPTA International Audio-Video Piano Competition.

You presented three outstanding young pianists, with great potential and talent, who obviously are getting a first class instruction with you.

Two of them are scheduled to perform at Steinway Hall in New York City next October 4, 1997, at 6:00 p.m., and the girl, who won the second prize, is scheduled to perform at Steinway Hall in New York City, on October 25, 1997, at 6:00 p.m.

We all realize here how expensive it is such a trip from Hawaii, as well as to stay in the city. We hope that important people in Honolulu, or companies will realize what an opportunity this is for these young pianists and will help with the expenses.

Again, congratulations. You are a very fine musician and teacher and you have wonderful students.

Sincerely yours,

Ana Maria Trenchi Bottazzi, Ph.D., D.M.A.
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