

SAMPLE COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY VIEWERS OF “A CHUNK OF MY SOUL”

“The match between your breathtaking visuals and [the artist’s] wonderful music is astounding. I thought your film would be good, but I never dreamed it would be this powerful. You *must* find a way to share this with a broader audience.” (Executive Director and Resource Officer, private foundation)

“Your film blew my socks off. You’ve got to find a way to share it with people all over the country ... and maybe the world. It’s about time we saw what war means from a woman’s perspective. Thank you!” (Teacher)

“I don’t believe I have ever seen students as involved in the very first class of the semester as these students were – thanks to your film. The film was able to ‘take them there’ in a way that we never could have done through readings.” (Coordinator, Maine Studies/Research Associate, History).

(Your film) “was very powerful. I am of the generation who were young adults during that time, and I have done a fair bit of reading and reflecting about the war, about the peace movement, and about the confusion and complexity of this time period, but I don’t think I have ever seen (or read) anything that addresses the time period in this first-person observer way.” (Student)

“I need to broaden my horizons on this topic, which is one reason I am taking this class. Never have I heard it from a woman’s perspective who was actually there in the middle of things. I have to say it was very refreshing, and gave me a perspective that I had never been shown before.” (Student)

“My family was impressed with your tape of Viet Nam. My daughters couldn't hold back tears. My son-in-law is really impressed with the music you chose. He was surprised that [the artist] wouldn't give you permission to use it. The music is so appropriate. After seeing a tape like that --- there isn't much else to say about the Viet Nam War.” (Nurse who served at the 7th Surgical Hospital in Vietnam)

“The film is a significant historical and cultural piece.” (Student)

“It informs – educates – the larger society....” (Mother of a Student)

“It validates those who served there because it tells their story without taking too much of a political position....” (Sister of two Vietnam Vets)

“My daughter (who dabbles in films) asked when she might be able to see it. I think your film presented a range of what was happening then – militarily and also to the South Vietnamese. We can’t forget that. If we do, nothing will be learned from that time in history.” (Student)