

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Garfield High School Orchestra,

Congratulations on your awesome performance at the Seattle Science Festival!

My friend and colleague Kal Penn spoke so highly of your performance, describing it as “world class” and “high caliber.” President Obama is inspired by the talent and effort of young people and organizations just like yours. As the White House liaison to young Americans, I know how important determined and talented young people are to the future of our country.

President John F. Kennedy once said, “I look forward to an America which will reward achievement in the arts as we reward achievement in business or statecraft. I look forward to an America which will steadily raise the standards of artistic accomplishment and which will steadily enlarge cultural opportunities for all of our citizens. And I look forward to an America which commands respect throughout the world not only for its strength but for its civilization as well.”

You and the Garfield Orchestra fulfill this vision and carry on a proud American tradition of celebrating artistic expression.

Mr. Tsutakawa's reputation is widely known and I want to acknowledge the tireless, incredible work he's done over the course of many years. You are quite lucky to have him as a teacher and to attend a school that places so much emphasis on creativity, the arts, and music.

Music touches and changes lives, enriches our communities, and contributes to our cultural heritage. Through your hard work, talents, and dedication, you serve as a source of pride for Americans of all ages.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronnie Cho', written in a cursive style.

Ronnie Cho
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The White House