

**Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School
Vocal / Choral Magnet Program
Gary E. Keating, Conductor
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Ms. Jacko,

This is Gary Keating at Dr. Michael Krop High School. Two weeks ago Harold brought his musicians from the Lighthouse and did a performance for my Advanced Placement Music Theory students, musical theater students, and others from my program that I could pull from classes. First and foremost, they were wonderful musicians and to witness their enjoyment and the empowerment that music brings to their lives was amazing. And believe me, it amazed my students as well. I must tell you that some of my kids had an awakening. They realized how hard some of your musicians have to work at their craft to achieve success and that it should be easier for them. Natalia doesn't count – she is one of us too! But every once in a while, they ask her how she does it and she tells them, "I work hard at it – just like you all can."

I would be terribly remiss to not thank you and the entire Lighthouse staff for the terrific experience my students enjoyed last summer at the Lighthouse. It was months before they didn't talk about it excessively. But I am so very pleased that so many will be there again this summer to learn from your professional staff.

Thank you for sending your folks to perform and for the educational experience these students enjoy all summer. It is wonderful to see programs like this for our students.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Keating
Choral / Piano / Advanced Theory Magnet Program
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