

Recommendation letter

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Ustanova *Mali vitez*

Fundacija za pomoč mladim, ozdravljenim od raka

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am the president of the Little Knight Foundation – a Slovenian charity organization founded in 1996 to help survivors of childhood cancer. I met Mrs. Katja Vidmar - Director of Katja Dance Company, and Mr. Albert Podrekar – Producer in 2017, when they started performing their beautiful multimedia show called “Life is a Value”. Since then, Katja Dance Company have performed the show more than 30 times all over Slovenia and at the Vatroslav Lisinski Theater, Croatia, under the patronage of Mme Vlasta Nussdorfer, the Human Rights Ombudsman of the Republic of Slovenia. The heart moving story of a young female doctor who has cancer, struggles with it, and finally decides to fight for life is told by expressive dance, music and film narrative.

The proceeds of the shows are donated to charity, mostly to the Little Knight Foundation. Katja and Albert, together with the dancers feel deep empathy especially for those cancer survivors who struggled with life threatening disease at a young age and overcame it through difficult treatments. The disease and its treatments have left many of them with physical, psychological and social consequences that robbed them of ability to enjoy the same quality of life as their healthy peers. Creators and performers of “Life is a Value”, some of them with International Championships titles, have a deep understanding of hidden scars of the mind and body of these survivors. They also support them by offering them an opportunity to voice their feelings and experiences on stage at the conclusion of each performance.

“Life is a Value” is a performance that also conveys and bestows experience and feelings on those among the audience who have not yet encountered such life stories about struggles for survival and coping with sequelae of cancer. The artists help to create a different world in which people are connected through understanding, empathy and shared values.

Katja, Albert and their gifted dancers are exceptional persons.

I highly recommend the performance that touches the souls of every viewer.

With very best regards,

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