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Dear Dr. Mainhard,

On behalf of the students and faculty of our music department, I would like to thank you for a wonderful residency at CSU Stanislaus. We all learned so much from the experiences we had while you were here. And I was particularly impressed with how quickly you were able to connect with our voice students. Many of them spoke very enthusiastically about how much they enjoyed hearing you sing and working with you in the masterclass and lecture you gave. You certainly made an impression on them!

Your solo recital on September 7 was certainly one of the highlights of our university concert season. You are an artist of the highest caliber, who performs with great technique and musicianship, while being sensitively expressive and at times even vulnerable on stage. Your choice of repertoire was also perfect, as our community rarely has the opportunity to hear Brazilian vocal music performed by an artist with your expertise and knowledge!

I'm also immensely grateful for your willingness to present a (free) masterclass for our voice students—especially on the day after your recital! It was a pleasure to watch you work with students of various backgrounds and musical experiences. You were always insightful and objective, but also tactful and kind. It was very obvious for those of us watching that the students both respected you and felt comfortable with your feedback and guidance. I know all of us who had the opportunity to either participate or observe came out of that masterclass with new ideas for how to be a more expressive singer. Thank you!

Finally, thank you also for the brilliant lecture and workshop you gave to our local chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) about Brazilian Portuguese Diction for singers on September 9. I know my colleagues and I, as well as our students, all learned a lot working with you!

Best wishes for a successful return to Brazil! And I hope we can plan other events like this for the near future!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Afonso Jr.', written over a light gray rectangular background.

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