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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to heartily recommend the performance of "Second Chances" which was performed at The United Church in Walpole on November 21, 1993. It was a moving piece of drama and art that enabled some people in the audience to feel this holiday season in some new ways. It is a challenging work that has bits of humor, wonderful satire, and great truth mixed in. It is a piece that will leave few unmoved.

The actual performance was about one hour in length and consisted of two characters who were each very believable representations of opposites -- an architect and a homeless man. The way they moved towards a connection with each other and then moved away from the same was the essence of the drama. It is a presentation not without some violence (a physical struggle) and some hard language and some emotional turns. The audience is involved very quickly and very realistically.

An important part of the whole presentation takes place when the acting is over and the two characters come into the audience and invite feedback, questions, and the sharing of responses. It is done honestly and in a way that greatly enhances people's ability to look at what they have experienced and learn from it. Many questions cannot be answered, but the asking and sharing of resources was a valuable part of the evening.

It was a significant event for us at The United Church.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Larsen
Pastor