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Dear LexArts Grants Committee,

I've always believed the arts are at their best when they bring people together.

As artists, we spend so much time focused on rehearsals, classes, productions, and the next performance that we don't always get many opportunities to stand alongside the other incredible organizations doing great work in Lexington. That's one of the reasons I'm excited about the Elevate LEX Showcase.

It's a chance for people to see just how much talent exists in this city.

Someone may come because they know Lexington Ballet and end up discovering a visual artist they've never met. Someone else may come for a choir or theatre company and leave thinking, "I need to see a ballet." That's good for all of us. The more people experience the arts, the more they realize there's something here for everyone.

I also love that this isn't about one organization trying to stand in the spotlight. It's about shining a light on all of us together. Lexington has a wonderful arts community, and I think we accomplish more when people see the full picture instead of just one piece of it.

The Showcase also gives people a glimpse of what Elevate LEX could become. Imagine a place where dancers are rehearsing down the hall from musicians, artists are hanging a new exhibition, students are taking classes, and families are walking through the building just because they want to experience something creative. That's the kind of place that feeds artists, inspires audiences, and reminds a community why the arts are worth investing in.

I think that's a vision worth supporting.

Lexington Ballet is proud to participate in the Showcase, and I appreciate Elevate Arts KY for creating an opportunity that brings our arts community together in a way that feels genuine, welcoming, and exciting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin M. Jenkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" being the most prominent.

Kevin Jenkins
Executive Artistic Director
Lexington Ballet