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Miss Laura Gilpin
409 Camino Del Monte Sol
Santa Fe, N.M. 87501

Dear Miss Gilpin:

Further to our telephone conversation of the other day, here are a few additional details concerning the TV series we are producing on New Mexico's oldest and most distinguished individuals in the arts.

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It is our hope to document these people who are so important to the cultural history of this state and to do so whilst they are still with us. All of these artists are between 60 and 90 years old, with Pablita Velarde, the subject of our pilot program, being the youngest at 58. It struck me, while developing this series, that most of these artists are not native New Mexicans but rather have chosen this very special state for their creative environment.

Some of the artists whom we wish to treat are Jozef Bakos, Fremont Ellis, Andrew Dasburg, Eugenie Shonnard, Agueda Martinez, John D. Robb, Frank Waters, George Lopez, Raymond Johnson, and Elizabeth Waters. Possibly Georgia O'Keeffe, but we're keeping our fingers crossed.

The New Mexico Arts Commission has granted us full funding for the production of our pilot program, which we have just filmed. Our next step is to apply for grants from various foundations and possibly some private citizens supportive to our work.

We are very excited about this project and are strongly committed to producing it. The response has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic that we do it now. I am so very happy that you are interested in being a part of this - you were among my very first choices, way back in March.

Since we are planning to be funded solely on the basis of a grant, we are regrettably unable to offer any financial stipend to our artists. We are hoping that you might contribute your services in order to help us meet our funding match.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Irene-Aimée Depke
Producer