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Dear Mr. Bender and Ms. Livingston:

The National Association of Schools of Music has been aware of the negotiations carried on by this committee since September 1994 regarding the creation of fair use guidelines for educational multimedia, begun as an initiative of the Consortium of College and University Media Centers and involving more than 50 interested groups including proprietors and educational organizations. NASM is the national accrediting organization for music programs in higher education. Over 550 conservatories, colleges, and universities are accredited institutional members. Although NASM has not been part of the process directly, you have kept us informed and we feel comfortable with the guidelines that have been developed.

The creation of these guidelines is extremely important. They will provide educators and students with the means to develop and use multimedia with a degree of certainty nonexistent without the guidelines. We realize that these guidelines represent a series of compromises. However, they are an important step in the further development of multimedia, which is fast becoming a most important teaching tool.

We are pleased to add our association's name to the list of others who have approved the fair use guidelines for educational multimedia with the understanding that you will not be seeking any amendment to the copyright law but rather an official recognition of the guidelines by the Congress.

With best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Samuel Hope
Executive Director

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