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To whom it may concern:

re: Story Songs with Mike Bryden

Over the past several months, we have been fortunate enough to have Mike Bryden share his talents with numerous groups of children at Kiwassa Neighbourhood House on multiple occasions. He has performed for small audiences at our daycares and Family Place drop-in as well as larger crowds at our annual Child Care picnic and a special concert he put on for the neighbourhood one weekend.

What makes Mike's performances come alive is his energetic combination of music, story-telling, the unique blend of visuals (drawings he creates) with musical content and the use of both English and French in his performances. This makes for a fun and educational experience for children of all ages.

Mike is creative not only in his presentation, but in his ability to tailor things to the energetic needs of the children. If they want to dance, he'll sing them a lively song, and then slow it down with a fun story. This flexibility is what makes circle time with young children so successful! Mike's songs are clever for older (children) listeners and the youngest children get a kick out of singing along to the catchy melodies.

I am very grateful to Mike for the time he has so generously given to us and our children. They have loved every minute of his presentations and feedback from the families who have attended has all been very positive. The children all love it when Mike comes to spend time with them and we wish him all the best as he launches what is sure to become a very successful career!

Sincerely,



Mary Battle,
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