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Tonle Bassac National Theater – Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Mr. Michael Hayes
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Dear Mr. Hayes:

In the name of all the artists of the Department of Performing Arts of the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts, I would like to thank you for the beautiful coverage you gave of our recent performances on the back page of your December 10 issue. The two performances that preceded your paper had much better attendance than the previous week, which I am sure, is due in large part to your article.

The mission of the National Theater is to revive, preserve and present all forms of Cambodian performing arts. We have very few resources at our disposal except for a strong conviction to revitalize our performance culture for the sake of the artists, the general public and our National Heritage. We happily welcome the foreign community into all of our performances. By choosing to attend these performances, foreigners give themselves the opportunity to learn more about our rich cultural heritage, while contributing to the sustainability of our weekend performance series for which we are deeply grateful.

Again, many thanks for your generous support and I look forward to further collaboration with your newspaper.

Respectfully yours,



Professor Hang Soth
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