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Ms. Mzuri Moyo Aimbaye  
Founder, Playwright, Actress and Singer  
Healing Through the Sound of Music featuring The Fannie Lou Hamer Story  
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Dear Ms. Mzuri Moyo Aimbaye:

It is with immense pleasure, I am honored to provide your healing production of The Fannie Lou Hamer Story my heartfelt recommendation. You first deeply moved me during your 2016 performance for our Carter G. Woodson Center for Interracial Education. Your production aligns well with the Woodson Center credo, "To assert the kinship of all people and provide interracial education with a particular emphasis on understanding and equality among blacks and whites." Your mesmerizing performance caused me to relive Mrs. Hamer's courageous life while reflecting on the journey of America and its current condition where systemic racism remains a reality and our country struggles to come to terms with White privilege. On the basis of that moving presentation, I wanted to see your performance next in our largest auditorium where special events can impact our entire (majority White) campus and its surrounding community.

I am so glad that we were able to invite you back to Berea College for our 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation Day Event. In that performance you moved our students and members of our community to hold hands in laughter and tears.

The momentum of social change in America has historically began with our youth, and in her life, Fannie Lou Hamer was chosen by students to lead students. Mzuri, your presentation has the potential of extending Fannie Lou Hamer's legacy of students' leadership. I am hopeful that my endorsement of Healing Through the Sound of Music can extend to presidents of other colleges and universities throughout the higher education community.

Presidents of colleges and universities are fond of saying that our students are the future leaders of our cities, countries and world. Our nation needs people like you Mzuri to wake us up, to remind us of the work that remains to be done and the challenges still lying before us! Thank you for allowing Berea College to become the standard bearer and catalyst that promotes social and cultural change aligning with higher education's commitment of excellence and which powerfully resonates with our institutions motto, "God has made of one blood all peoples of the earth" (Acts 17:26).

Sincerely,

Lyle D. Roelofs  
President