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Theatre Shkidy:

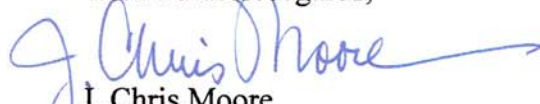
Tomorrow, Theatre Shkidy will be leaving our community after participating at our Culture Fest on September 16, presenting their show "Starry Night" on September 17, and performing for over 2,000 students in our public and parochial schools for the past three days.

Their work here in Springfield will long be remembered, not only for the high level of skill and beauty of their performance, but most importantly for the way they touched the hearts of everyone, young and old alike, helping each of us understand that despite the differences that sometimes exist between our countries, people around the world share a common hope for global peace and friendship.

The actors and directors of Theatre Shkidy are not only wonderful performing artists, they are wonderful individuals who are serving Russia well and cultural ambassadors.

Our sincere thanks to you for all that you have done to support the work of Theatre Shkidy. You can rightfully feel great pride that they have made a lasting impression on their first trip to the USA.

With warmest regards,


J. Chris Moore
Executive Director