July 31, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Ms. Markell Kiefer is planning a tour of several American cities and towns with her production of *The Buddha Prince*. This is a play about His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama’s life and his message for the need to cultivate basic human values to make our world a more caring, compassionate, and tolerant and peaceful world.

Ms. Kiefer’s motivation for producing this play is to promote peace and compassion, and to develop harmony in the human community. She believes that the teachings of His Holiness have the potential to change the hearts and minds of humanity “in a direction that will benefit the unfolding of world history.”

We greatly appreciate Ms. Kiefer’s efforts to spread His Holiness’s message of peace and human values to a greater audience through this play. We appeal to all lovers of peace and humanity to support her noble endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

Lobsang Nyandak
Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to the Americas
November 13, 2009

Dear Markell Kiefer,

Thank you so much for your very kind letter which I received yesterday. I must thank you also for including the Buddha Prince booklet and the photos of His Holiness when he was very young. We have distributed the photos among the Office of Tibet staff, and everyone was very pleased to have a copy! With my reply, I am including a copy of His Holiness's autobiography, "My Land and My People."

I want to thank you for bringing the Buddha Prince play into being, for writing and directing and producing this wonderful production. You worked tirelessly to bring this production to New York, to Central Park where so many people could come and watch His Holiness's life and Tibet's story unfold before their eyes, in the very same spot where some years ago His Holiness drew tens of thousands of people for a public talk.

The Buddha Prince was truly a wonderful production that touched so many people. Everyone who saw it in Central Park came away delighted and amazed, and most importantly, educated and concerned about the situation in Tibet and in exile for the Tibetan people. Thank you so much.

With best wishes,

Lobsang Nyandak
Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to the Americas