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Ms. Elizabeth Bridges
Alkahest Artists & Attractions, Inc
1709 Verona Drive
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Dear Ms. Bridges,

The 2012 Gettysburg Festival was filled with wonderful music, fine art, fabulous food and lots of fun. For 10 days we celebrated American arts, culture and cuisine and welcomed guests from all across the mid-Atlantic region and beyond, making this Festival the premier cultural event of the summer for Central PA.

Musical performances covered a wide spectrum including blues, folk, rock, oldies and brass bands, and one of the highlights of the Festival was a show by Cheryse McLeod Lewis. Her powerful performance "Then Sings My Soul: Songs and Spirituals from the American Experience" which featured beautiful Civil War era spirituals and inspirational Broadway favorites enthralled the audience. A Gettysburg area community choir was assembled to sing with Cheryse for several of the spirituals and together they provided an amazing and uplifting finale for the 2012 Gettysburg Festival.

Following the performance, we invited the audience to meet Cheryse at a reception and she graciously spent time with our guests discussing the songs and stories behind many of the spirituals she included in the show and answering their questions. She proved equally as kind and generous with her time as she is talented, and all who had the opportunity to meet her were impressed.

We appreciate the partnership with Alkahest Artists and Attractions to bring Ms. Lewis to the Gettysburg Festival and would highly recommend her to others who are interested in booking unique and talented artists for their venues.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Kirby
Executive Director