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Mr. Bradford Newquist
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Dear Bradford:

On behalf of the Music Information Center at Chicago Public Library, thank you again for your melodic and appealing program, "Sweet & Lovely: A Tribute to Russ Columbo," performed last Friday for our patrons.

The interest and care with which you created this show, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of a singing pioneer from the early 1930s, were very much appreciated. You have a beautiful singing voice, so any opportunity to hear you perform is a pleasure – but more than that, it seemed that you were meant to revitalize Columbo's hits such as *Sweet and Lovely*, *Paradise*, *You're My Everything*, and *You Call It Madness (But I Call It Love)*.

Your song introductions and the biographical information which you shared about Columbo enhanced the hour. You struck a resonant chord with the audience, and I was happy to see a number of them come up to congratulate you afterwards.

It wasn't nostalgia, but, simply, a program of classic American songs presented with your great voice, good taste, and enthusiasm. Especially in this day when harsh or strange sounds sometimes pass for music, who wouldn't have enjoyed it?

Sincerely,

- Christopher Popa
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