



**Principal**  
Mr. Nigel J. Winnard

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To Whom It May Concern:

### **Puppet Pizzazz!**

It gives me great pleasure to share with you my community's memories of a wonderful two weeks spent working with the talented professional puppeteers Charles Rabhi and Greg Ruhe.

Khartoum International Community School is a PreK-12 IB World School with a proud tradition of arts education. It is through working with such passionate, energetic and dedicated artists like Charles and Greg that KICS is developing its reputation for developing young people with outgoing, expressive and creative characters.

Greg and Charles hit the ground running and were equally at home with all age groups of students. They also made a long-lasting impact on a number of our outreach programmes, not least in their work in a local orphanage and their performances in our annual *School Street Fayre* where over \$20,000 was raised to support local charities.

I think what I will remember most is not their breathless energy or non-stop running from workshop to workshop (those guys were everywhere!), but how they rooted their work in our school's growing environmental consciousness. All over campus we saw students making puppets out of plastic bags and discarded household items, the environmental message being reinforced with every single puppet.

Greg and Charles make an impact through the simplest, most elegant of concepts and I would wholeheartedly recommend not only that you get them to work with your school community but that you just let them loose and enjoy whatever happens next!

Should you wish me to add further to my recommendation then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely,

Nigel J. Winnard

