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Dear Svetlana,

Saw your production of THREE SISTERS and for probably the first time in my life, I loved and appreciated a production of Chekhov. So many times directors and actors play every bit of self-pity and moroseness in his plays that they are a burden to watch and hear. Fortunately for your students and the audience, this was an absolute delight. Chekhov's commentaries that his plays are comedies, was and is the truth and you were able to see it and bring it to life. The people were real and their plight and difficulty apparent. However, you were able to show us the characters' struggle with insight into their foibles and often ludicrous behavior, but never trivializing their lives and dreams. This is a production that Mr. Chekhov would have loudly applauded. I and the entire audience were fortunate to have had this remarkable theatre experience.

Thank you for your talent, knowledge and ability to bring this classic to life.

Dean Hess