Mr. Barg made me love orchestra. Coming to Sound Encounters in Ottawa Kansas the first time in 2004 was not exactly what I had in mind for two weeks of my summer that year. I was 14 and I remember absolutely hating orchestra. But after meeting Mr. Barg I could not believe how fun it was. I had been in many orchestras but this one by far was the best. I can remember in 2006 at sound encounters that He had told the orchestra that if anyone broke a string that he would definitely pay for it. He had said that before to all his orchestra's because he wanted the kids to play louder and more aggressively. I broke the first string ever in his orchestra he told and I was on top of the world. He kept his word too and paid me for the string. Mr. Barg can make people almost die from laughter one instant and then he can make you act very serious the next. His personality makes people want to succeed and better themselves in the long run. He takes people aside when there down and lifts them up. He is one of the nicest people somebody could ever meet.

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