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From the Artistic Director:

I don't like to sound like a broken record (or CD!!), but once again the real meaning of what the IASJ represents was on display at our 16th Annual IASJ Jazz Meeting in Louisville, USA which from both the artistic and social vantage point was an incredible success. The students played at an amazingly high level throughout the jam sessions and final concerts. The camaraderie between all the participants was fantastic; lectures by David Baker, Jamey Aebersold and Harry Pickens were highly interesting and the Ongoing Dialogues, masterfully conducted by Walter Turkenburg, hit upon many interesting points. Once again, the host city and school both did a great job under the leadership of Mike Tracy. There was plenty of "Americana" for foreign visitors to observe ranging from a blue grass band playing Monk and Oliver Nelson no less, to a barbecue dinner, a jam session played on a boat cruising on the Ohio River in perfect weather conditions. For those who were interested, there was a trip to the famous Churchill Downs racetrack where the Kentucky Derby has been taking place for over 100 years. I was surprised that so many folks came from Russia, South America, Israel, Japan and of course Europe, not withstanding the high air fare. As well, we had a larger than usual representation from American schools. Especially for the students, it was an eye opener to see so many good players from around the world. When I finish one of these meetings, I know we are doing a great job for the music and the world as a whole. Thanks to everyone who made this meeting such a success and wishing you the best for the new school year. Next year in Siena!!

Peace

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