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To whom it may concern,

I highly recommend Jorge Ochoa as a drum circle facilitator. Ochoa was contracted to work Artpace's Family Day on Saturday, April 30, 2011. He works well with all ages and did a great job creating fellowship through the drum.

At Family Day we had about 30 seats and instruments set up and encouraged visitors of all ages to participate. Some of our coworkers were a little skeptical with how this drum circle would play out, but Ochoa did a great job bringing the best out of each person. He expressed that he wanted everyone to have fun and not learn how to formally drum. This enabled the guests to go crazy on the percussive instruments. After a few minutes of letting everyone play, Ochoa started introducing different rhythms and timing. Before we knew it the group had gone from wildly drumming to listening to one another; it was an excellent mood that I hadn't anticipated.

Ochoa did a great job keeping the activity fun and the rest of the Family Day participants got to enjoy the musical rhythms as they worked on their art projects. On our talk back evaluations, several participants listed the drum circle activity as their favorite activity of the day. Again, I strongly recommend Jorge Ochoa for all ages and all types of drummers. He really capped off a great day with his leadership.

Sincerely,



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