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## To Whom It May Concern

It is a great pleasure to state that I know "RANGMANCH" theatre group. They are the true founders of Hindi Theatre in New Zealand having held the flag of Indian Ethnic theatre flying high since their inception in 2008 – with their first play "Zimmedari". Hindi is the National Language of India. The incredibly talented and hardworking crew of Rangmanch have till date presented several high quality Hindi Dramas.

Of late they have also entered the field of Gujarati theatre with a bang with two sensational productions. Their productions till date have been highly professional both in terms of presentation and execution. The content have always been thought provoking and heart touching with high moral values.

This year they are planning to have an Indian Theatre festival with their own crew and in 4 x different ethnic Indian languages – Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi and Bengali. This is indeed a pioneering achievement to bring the various regional Indian Theatres under one umbrella.

As the secretary of New Zealand Indian Central Association an Umbrella Body of Indians in New Zealand I am very much pleased to say that their commitment, dedication and honesty leaves me spellbound with admiration. As my office is situated adjacent to the Rangmanch rehearsal venue at Mahatma Gandhi Centre Auckland, I have watched them rehearsing and practising with all their heart and mind day in and day out on all week ends and some week nights as well. I have also watched their drama in the Theatre.

A strong crew of about 35 to 40 committed Theatre workers working for six months tirelessly and each of them putting in no less than 15 hours a week voluntarily just for the cause of theatre! It is their love and passion towards the Language, Art, Culture and Heritage.

I feel truly amazed at this level of commitment. I wish to extend our whole hearted support and wish them all success for their project ahead at all times.

Sincerely

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