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To whom it may concern,

In response to a query from Professor Jeffrey Kurtzman, I asked several colleagues at the Department of Music at the University of Notre Dame their reactions to the practice of giving colleagues a congratulatory hug after a recital or lecture. Did any of them find this practice offensive or unpleasant? Although there was a spectrum of reactions, a common thread could be discerned: most found the practice completely unobjectionable, and were even mildly surprised to hear that anyone would be offended by it. Most also felt that it would be quite easy to indicate one's preference not to be hugged if one did find the practice distasteful.

I hope that this will be helpful. Please feel free to ask for further information if required.

Sincerely yours,



Ethan Haimo, Professor of Music  
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