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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ARTS

“Recently, I had an opportunity to see the positive effects of the arts firsthand in another bucolic setting [referring to Aspen, Colorado]. My older son, Harrison, who is a classical musician, is attending the Round Top Music Festival in Texas. Next to Aspen, this is one of the better summer classical music festivals in the country. There, he is fortunate to study with some of the most passionate and talented young classical musicians from around the world. I saw two concerts while I was there, each remarkable in content and proficiency. But what impressed me most was a conversation I had with a couple sitting next to me at the concert. This couple credited the arts, specifically music, for bringing both cultural and economic vitality to this small town of 90 people.

“At the Patriotic Concert July 2, the concert hall was filled with people wearing red, white and blue showing a deep appreciation for the young artists and the venue. Our national anthem was sung with more verve than I had ever seen in my life.”

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