Dear Friends,

"Piti" is an ancient Indian (Pali) word meaning "joy" or "rapture." Over the last ten years, Jonathan Mirin and Godeliève Richard have collaborated with U.S. and Swiss artists to create new plays on subjects like Crohn's disease, the disappearance of honeybees and now with their new production Innocenzo, electromog. Nevertheless, the troupe has lived up to its name, telling these tales with music, humor, puppets, dance and images which leave audiences of all ages feeling more hopeful and empowered than when they arrived. You can read some of their thank you notes and feedback on these pages.

Last year, Piti launched "Bee Weeks" in four Massachusetts cities and towns, leveraging the success of its To Bee or Not to Bee performance adding workshops, planting bee gardens, documentary screenings and more to mobilize people, children and families to celebrate and protect pollinators.

This year, Piti will tour Innocenzo, using live music and humor to tell the story of a clown who falls sick and, after visiting many doctors and healers, finally realizes that the source of his illness is electromagnetic pollution. Enclosed is a story and responses from the first performance in Switzerland two weeks ago.

Innocenzo will receive its premiere the first weekend of spring, March 21, 2015 at 2:00 PM, when Piti produces their 6th annual SYRUP: One Sweet Performing Arts Festival at Memorial Hall in Shelburne Falls. This year the world renowned circus artists of Nimble Arts will present their company show Ruckus at 5:00 PM and offer workshops for all ages on March 22 in Shelburne Falls.

You can help Piti continue to inspire, inform and entertain in our schools, communities, theatres and festivals and . . . Double your gift! We are participating in "Valley Gives", a 24-hour give-a-thon organized by the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts on Wednesday, December 10. Piti is eligible for prizes and cash awards attached randomly to donations made anytime between now and midnight, 12/10. We also have at least $600 in matching funds available. Go to www.ptco.org/donate or www.valleygives.razoo.com/story/Piti to participate.

If you prefer postal mail, Piti Theatre Co. is a sponsored project of Fractured Atlas, a non-profit arts service organization. Contributions in behalf of the company may be made payable to Fractured Atlas and are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Please make checks payable to Fractured Atlas with Piti Theatre in the memo line and mail to: Piti Theatre Co., 280 Colrain-Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, MA 01370. If tax-deductibility is not a concern, checks can be made out to Piti Theatre Company.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Sincerely,

Whit Sanford on behalf of Piti Theatre's Advisory Board