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Dear Alan,

Thank you for keeping me apprised as plans for the new Santa Barbara Center for Art, Science and Technology (SBCAST) progress. Should the proposed Center be built, I can envision countless ways in which we might interact.

As you know, I am a Professor of Music and of Media Arts and Technology (MAT, a UCSB graduate degree program). I have excerpted from the MAT website some text that describes the goals of the MAT educational program.

Media Arts and Technology (MAT) at UCSB is a transdisciplinary graduate program that fuses emergent media, computer science, engineering, and electronic music and digital art research, practice, production, and theory. Created by faculty in both the College of Engineering and the College of Letters and Science, MAT offers an unparalleled opportunity for working at the frontiers of art, science, and technology, where new art forms are born and new expressive media are invented.

In MAT, we seek to define and to create the future of media art and media technology. Our research explores the limits of what is possible in technologically sophisticated art and media, both from an artistic and an engineering viewpoint. Combining art, science, engineering, and theory, MAT graduate studies provide students with a combination of critical and technical tools that prepare them for leadership roles in artistic, engineering, production/direction, educational, and research contexts.

These goals are entirely consistent with the organizing philosophy and goals that you have outlined for SBCAST.

On behalf of myself and Professor Tobias Hollerer of Computer Engineering and MAT we hope that your vision of a live/work artists-scientists-technologists community in Santa Barbara will come to fruition. Our faculty and graduate students would greatly benefit from such collaboration, as, I expect, would the entire Arts community of our Central Coast region.

Sincerely,

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