Thank you all for helping the New London Maritime Society Welcome AMISTAD America, Inc. to the Custom House on July 10, 2008.

Workshops allowed more than 150 New London school children the opportunity to understand the Amistad incident and make Amistad ship models with museum educator Cassie Libardi, learn drumming with Dwight Baldwin and experience West African dance with Gwendolyn Martins. Students also visited the Amistad ship where Estrellas of Norwich performed along with actor DaMone McCollum and singer Dana Fripp of Young Audiences Connecticut. The reception at the Custom House Maritime Museum featured drummer Dwight Baldwin and a program with Lonnie Braxton, II, member NLMS board of trustees; Sally Ryan, New London Town Historian; and Gregory Belanger, President and CEO, and Capt. William Pinkney of Amistad America.

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