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Department of Theater

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This letter is to enthusiastically recommend Melissa Sky-Eagle as a musical director/vocal arranger.

This last Spring, Melissa served as the musical director for a production of LOVE(SICK), an original performance piece I directed at Los Angeles Valley College. I can't speak highly enough of Melissa's work for this production.

Not only did she perform superbly the usual functions of a musical director--she taught and coached the vocals and she conducted the four-piece band--but, since many of the twenty-some songs were contemporary pieces for which there were no available charts, Melissa did a number of take-downs and a ton of original vocal and instrumental arrangements. She was a dream to work with, always prepared, always prompt, always positive, always open to change as this brand new show evolved through the rehearsal process. And she went above and beyond her role as musical director with really delightful and sensitive creative contributions to the show. Her musical knowledge is broad and deep, her musicianship is impeccable, and her taste and her dramatic sense are first-rate. She was, in sum, an absolutely terrific collaborator and somebody I would work with again in a heartbeat.

I can recommend Melissa without reservation, and I am grateful for the opportunity to comment on her remarkable abilities. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you should need further details.

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