

INDIANA UNIVERSITY JACOBS SCHOOL OF MUSIC

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To whom it may concern:

Please accept this letter of recommendation on behalf of Michael Linert. I have known Mr. Linert for the last two years and had the opportunity to supervise him and his work with the Young Winds Program at Indiana University.

Mr. Linert has an incredible fire for teaching in the classroom and his energy radiates to the students he works with. While Mr. Linert has the natural ability to lead students and peers alike, he shows incredible thoroughness with his planning and preparation. His lesson plans, warm-up arrangements, and overall planning for the entire unit were unmatched by his peers and continue to be used as an example in our program.

Additionally, Mr. Linert has no fear for teaching other instruments outside his comfort zone. As a cellist, his experience comes mostly from an orchestral background and within our program he taught trumpet sectionals. Mr. Linert immediately took to the task of learning to play trumpet well enough to demonstrate for his students and to play along in rehearsal. When difficulties presented themselves, he was also prepared to transpose the parts on sight with his cello to ensure the students in his section had an adequate model to learn from. Any instrumental music teacher can tell you that they struggle with some instruments to model on in the classroom, but Mr. Linert did not let that define his teaching.

Outside of the classroom Mr. Linert is an incredible performer and musician. After observing his performance resume I am certain you can see that he has had success as a cellist and a vocalist. Having seen him perform on stage with the Indiana University Opera Theatre I can assure you his talents will represent your organization in the brightest light possible.

Again, I hope you will accept this letter for Mr. Linert in highest recommendation. A teacher with fire and passion seen both in the classroom and on stage is rare to come by and I hope that you will have the opportunity first hand to watch him work and support your organization. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



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