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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Christopher Smith to receive your consideration with my highest recommendation.

I have watched Christopher's vocal progress over the last four years and have had the greatest pleasure to coach him for the past 2 years. He is an exceptional tenor with wonderful ability and a natural talent, and he has made tremendous strides both vocally and musically in just a short amount of time. Chris has developed a lovely, warm and rich tone quality in his voice and continues to work hard to grow as a musician. Recently, he performed his senior recital and the role of Tamino in Wartburg's production of The Magic Flute, while preparing for auditions at graduate schools. Chris has also presented several optional recitals which he designed to show his versatility and his great interest in all genres of the voice. In each of these recitals he was able to sustain not only fine characterization but also great endurance.

I have seen Christopher grasp concepts and apply them to the fullest in his lessons with me. He is intelligent and extremely interested in gaining all the pedagogical knowledge he can to become a mature singer and performer. I believe these attributes will make him a supreme singer and extremely suitable for not only the operatic stages but recital, musical theater and oratorio venues as well.

Chris has become a wonderful musician and a spectacular performer, who possesses a phenomenal talent. I look forward to continue working with him as he begins his preparation for graduate school. I have the great honor to recommend him to you for your consideration and have the utmost confidence that Chris will gain all the tools he needs as a young performer. Please do not hesitate to call me for further information regarding Chris.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Gast". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Daniel Gast