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To whom this may concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Christopher Smith.

I have had the greatest pleasure to work with Christopher for the past 2 years in both my private voice studio and at Wartburg College. Chris possesses the most lovely, vibrant and rich lyric tenor voice. He has enormous range and amazing agility. The beautiful tone quality and unusual maturity in his voice sets him apart from the rest. He is truly a first-rate musician.

While at college, Christopher participated in numerous musical activities. He presented recitals, performed leading roles in Opera Workshop, participated in Wartburg Choir, and sung with the Ritterchor and Cantabile where Christopher was a frequent soloist. In addition, he twice directed and soloed in the annual student-produced musical revue called Knights on Broadway.

Christopher won his Freshman Division in the Iowa National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition and competed in the Glenn Miller Scholarship Competition in which he made finals. At the 2005 Wisconsin District Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, he won two special awards, one being for his "unusual dramatic talent, interesting presence, and vivid projection of text and music."

Christopher is a dedicated singer with a fine ability to take direction and apply it with great flair and endurance. He performs with ease and assurance that goes beyond his years. I believe that he will continue to grow as a singer and a musician, who will always challenge himself to be an outstanding talent and a first-rate performer. I have the great honor to recommend him to you for your highest consideration. Feel free to call me for any subsequent information regarding Chris.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Rosemary Gast