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To whom it might concern,

It is a pleasure to write this letter on behalf of Taylor Markarian. I have worked with Taylor for several years at *New Canaan Dance Academy*, where I am Company Director, & at *Bounce Music & Entertainment*, where I am the Talent Coordinator.

Taylor's professionalism & ability to communicate efficiently were the first among many positive qualities that caught my attention. As a performer & teacher/choreographer, she is detail-oriented & shows a legitimate understanding of style & technique. I knew she would be a great addition to our Faculty at *NCD* so I recommended her for an opening we had in Fall of 2016. After seeing how refined her pieces were at our annual recital, I jumped at the opportunity to ask Taylor to train our most elite competitive dancers the following season, as well as choreograph several competition pieces for them. She could instantly pinpoint what they were lacking technically. When working with them she has shown an ability to infuse important lessons into her choreography so the dancers are challenged & conditioned, while also executing entertaining, competitive choreography. She stays on top of trends but also has a great way of including a classic style in her work. This speaks to her awareness & understanding of dance history & its role in the contemporary dance world.

Taylor works very well on her feet & has stepped in on numerous occasions to help our faculty on short notice. She taught an advanced level audition combination at our Company auditions when another teacher was unprepared. In a matter of minutes, Taylor was able to focus her energy on creating a dynamic combo that could be taught within the timeframe needed. She remained poised & confident while teaching it & truly saved us from what could have been a very sticky situation. When she attends competitions, she beautifully balances an assertiveness & sentimentality with her students. She is always a few steps away, anticipating how she can be of help to us. It has been refreshing to have someone so willing to dive in & help the team when appropriate. She also attends classes at our conventions so that she can stay current & informed; a testament to her passion & curiosity.

Taylor's ambition, stamina, compassion, & overall intelligence have been inspiring to our students. I am continuously impressed by her ability to manage her many responsibilities while maintaining the energy to be so congenial & approachable. Anyone would be extremely fortunate to work alongside Taylor. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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