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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my honor to write a letter of recommendation for Michelle Seaton. I have known Michelle for twelve years as an actor, colleague, and finally as a friend. During this time, I have worked with her as an acting partner, been directed by her, and have had the privilege to be a teaching mentor for her.

Being directed in two shows by Michelle was a profoundly liberating experience for me as an actor. Michelle empowers her cast to collaborate, take risks and explore the circumstances of the characters and the story. Her fearless vision always pushes the envelope and constantly questions the human condition.

In addition to her extraordinary talent as a director, Michelle's teaching skills are just as outstanding. As Director of Theatre at the University of Portland, I asked Michelle to shadow my classes, and on several occasions she took them over for me. Her work with my students helped them grow in their scene work as well as growing as young artists. She has a wonderful knowledge of the craft as well as a compassionate yet strong disposition as a teacher. She encourages students to take risks while allowing them to grow.

I would not only recommend Michelle as a director to any theatre company, but also as an instructor in acting or directing. Her talent, compassion and incredible awareness of the human condition will only enhance any production or class she chooses to undertake.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance in clarifying Michelle's talents or accomplishments.

Sincerely,



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