

# The Metropolitan Opera Guild

## *Urban Voices: A Choral Music Initiative*

To Whom It May Concern

Jeffrey Steele is a good musician who brings diligence and commitment to his educational endeavors. He maintains an appropriate demeanor with colleagues and students alike, and is reliable and responsible.

Mr. Steele served as a Choral Artist with the Metropolitan Opera Guild's Urban Voices program in the Boston area. It is in this capacity I've worked with him for two years. His responsibilities included providing choral music instruction one day a week to underserved schools in the Boston area. He worked with the schools to integrate the choral music program into the curriculum, selected appropriate repertoire and prepared the students for a year end concert.

Mr. Steele is an accomplished guitarist and composer. I have observed Mr. Steele's teaching numerous times over the past two years, regularly holding conversations about teaching and curriculum planning. He is very willing to take suggestions and implement new ways of doing things. I have found him to exhibit empathy, patience and respect for his students.

Sincerely,

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