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To whom it may concern:

In my capacity as Artistic Director and Conductor of the Oratorio Society of Queens, United Choral Society, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs' Roman Catholic Church in Forest Hills, Queens, and Artistic Director and Founder of Musica Reginae Productions, I have known Daniel Berman professionally for well over twenty-five years, and value his superb pianism, insightful musicianship and broad musical knowledge. We have collaborated successfully over the years in many different concert venues.

As a producer of varied concert offerings for Musica Reginae Productions in Queens at the historic Flushing Town Hall, I presented Mr. Berman in 6 recital appearances from 2001-2006. This was a remarkable pianistic achievement, considering the very wide breadth and scope of the programs, 46 separate works plus numerous encores spanning the piano repertoire from Bach/Busoni to Bolcom, including such major works as the *Chopin Sonatas op. 35 and 58*, the *Liszt Sonata*, *Granados Goyescas*, *Schumann Carnival*, *Mendelssohn Fantasy*, among others, and rarely-played virtuoso showpieces from composers such as Godowsky, Tausig, Horowitz and Earl Wild. Mr. Berman's gift for exciting and musically rewarding programming combined with a world-class technique left our audiences clamoring for more and contributed mightily to his being engaged year after year.

I can recommend Mr. Berman to you without reservation in any capacity, whether as soloist, accompanist, chamber music collaborator or educator. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



David W. Close