

Faculté de musique

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To Whom It May Concern,

With this letter I would like to recommend to your attention **Véronique Lussier** who just completed brilliantly her second year of Ph.D. in orchestral conducting under my supervision at the Faculty of Music of the University of Montréal. Véronique is a remarkable musician and a very talented conductor.

She has an excellent ear and an extremely sensitive approach to music. Tireless worker and totally dedicated, musical, intelligent and original, she is the student who has accomplished the most rapid progress among all the students I have had! This is the reason why I warmly recommend her here, because her skills set are quite rare!

In addition to her musical talent as an interpreter and researcher, she has several unique human skills: she is a very positive person with a optimistic attitude, she is super-organized and knows how to plan, she has a real educational talent, a great generosity, and above all, she has the ability to rally people around her, to give them the desire to surpass themselves and to participate in a larger cause: she demonstrates a real sense of entrepreneurship. All are unanimous: she has a great sense of leadership, an ability to gather and channel the energies of all.

These are all very important attributes for a leader in general and a conductor in particular. She has had the opportunity to exercise her leadership skills several times with great success recently. She planned and literally brought to life several concert projects that had a great impact on the community. Among which one should note both her doctoral recitals that she organized with a professional orchestra. They were targeted to a regional audience who rarely receives classical music and it was a big success, all were delighted!

At a time when it is increasingly difficult to create opportunities to publicize and share classical music, she demonstrates an astonishing capacity to develop the audience. It is through initiatives such as those arising from her research project that we will have an audience tomorrow.

I highly recommend her!



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