

September 8, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Steve Kramer.

I am a concert violinist and a member of The Philadelphia Orchestra since 2002. In my professional opinion, Mr. Kramer is an exceptional cellist and a gifted music teacher. I had the pleasure of performing with Mr. Kramer on a June 15, 2015 community fund-raising concert in Norristown, PA.

Mr. Kramer is an active member of his local community where he provides excellent musical instruction to young, aspiring cellists. I have heard Mr. Kramer's students and am very impressed with their technical level and musicianship. Under-privileged students receive lesson free of charge. Some of Mr. Kramer's students participate in the prestigious Center for Gifted Young Musicians at Temple University's Esther Boyer College of Music and Dance Music Preparatory Division.

I would be happy to continue my professional collaboration with such a distinguished musical artist as Mr. Kramer.

Sincerely,

Elina Kalendarova Picht

Violinist, The Philadelphia Orchestra