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To whom it may concern,

My letter is a letter of recommendation for the services offered by Jim Donak.

I am the founder of the New England Center for Circus Arts, the longest running professional circus school in the United States. I also run my own production company, Nimble Arts and am myself an award winning performer and educator, recipient of the Vermont Governor's Walter Cerf Award for Excellence in the Arts and the American Youth Circus Organization Award for Excellence in Education.

I have known Jim Donak for more than 30 years and am aware of the immense amount of research and education he has gathered on his journey to where he is now, a master of the intersection of anatomical considerations and movement arts.

Any time I have worked with Jim, he demonstrates a unique awareness of the way the body is designed and how it actually functions for practitioners of aerials, acrobatics, dance, and other movement modalities.

Jim also has deep training in the psychological methods of teaching, and with both skills combined he is an effective and thorough teacher whom I highly recommend. He also has a long history with the circus art forms, and is a knowledgeable teacher of the specific techniques and skills of that art form.

I can fervently say that I highly recommend his teaching programming as well as that he is a valuable and unique person in the circus arts teaching field.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to call me at (802) 318-2639.

Sincerely,



Serenity Smith Forchion
Founder / Creative Director