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Dr. David Saltz
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To Whom It May Concern:

This past season, we had the distinct pleasure of working with Julie Ray. She proved to be a wonderful part of the Aurora Theatre design team for *Christmas Canteen*, our annual holiday variety show. Julie was not only visionary, and brought a whole new design element to our show, but she was immediately comfortable in providing creative solutions that made this season's *Christmas Canteen* spectacular. We are such a collaborative team that we rely on everyone throwing in ideas. Julie was awesome from beginning to end.

As a professor, she encourages professional collaboration. One of your students Trevor Carrier, who is currently working under Julie on his MFA, prop designed *Wit* for Aurora's Mainstage, and is set designing *Sotto Voce* for our Studio. While our original goal for the Studio was to give emerging designers the opportunity to hone their professional resume, we are quickly learning that it is exponentially more difficult to create these opportunities without the "buy in" of working university staff.

Julie always comes to work with a smile, represents our organization with grace, and is extremely easy to work with. We feel confident Julie is a tremendous asset to your university staff in the same way we consider her vital to Aurora's future artistic achievements. As a theatre with a commitment to the next generation of theatre artists, her tenure may present our region with additional opportunities for Aurora Theatre to collaborate more fully with University of Georgia.

With Fond Regards,

A blue ink signature of Anthony Rodriguez, consisting of stylized, overlapping letters.

Anthony Rodriguez
Producing Artistic Director
Aurora Theatre, Inc.

A blue ink signature of Ann-Carol Pence, written in a cursive style.

Ann-Carol Pence
Associate Producer
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