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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to offer my whole-hearted recommendation on behalf of Allison Bibicoff who directed and choreographed our season opener this year, *Smokey Joe's Café*.

Ms. Bibicoff delivered a Broadway-caliber production full of joy, sentiment and robust humor and exceeded my expectations for the show in every way. Her instincts for entertainment and surprise were only surpassed by her talent and insight into the possibilities for the material.

I was especially appreciative of her ability to feature the strengths of the performers while hiding almost totally any weaknesses. She created clever, original choreography which brought a bright freshness to the production while avoiding the overly-stagy qualities that plague so many musical revues.

She worked very well with the designers and production staff and set an example of promptness, preparation and innovation which resonated through the entire company during her stay here. Allison's emotional maturity, keen intellect and joyful leadership make her, in my opinion, make her one of America's most valuable and interesting directors of musical theatre.

Sincerely yours,

Paul R. Pierce  
Producing Artistic Director