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Dear Sir or Madam:

It is with the greatest pleasure that I write to recommend Roya Bahrami to you.

Roya has been a colleague and friend to me for over 15 years. We first became acquainted as members of the Rouhollah Khaleghi Orchestra (RKO). The RKO was an ensemble dedicated to the performance of Persian Classical music as conceived by the great Persian musician Rouhollah Khaleghi. Persian Classical music is a blending of eastern and western musical traditions and, as such, provides the perfect metaphor for my relationship with Roya.

At the time that we met, Roya was a serious musician (santur primarily) as well as a successful professional in the communications field. I have always been impressed by her ability to excel in seemingly disparate areas concurrently as well as by her extreme capabilities, intelligence, sensitivity, responsibility and spirituality.

Roya has developed as an artist in a way that is truly amazing and affirming. She has achieved a level of artistry that few can claim. The message of her music is uniquely profound, far reaching and inspiring in the extreme. All who hear her will be changed for the better by the experience.

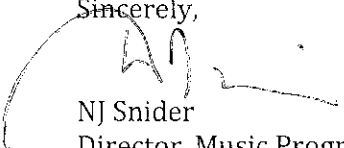
I had the pleasure of inviting Roya to present her music to a large group of our students in a lecture recital format during the Fall 2008 semester. The presentation was excellent and had a tremendous and far reaching impact on the students. Additionally, I had her come speak to a smaller group of students in a less formal but equally compelling presentation. Again, the value and inspiration that was generated by this was immeasurable.

Roya Bahrami is one of the most special people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. She has a richness and depth of character that transcends all boundaries-real and imaginary.

I give her my highest recommendation and know that you will be well served in any way that you might become involved with her vast talents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any help whatsoever.

Sincerely,



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