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Dear Sir/Madam:

Michael Smolens was a member of The Occidental Community Choir for two years, during which time it was my pleasure to get to know him. I can say with certainty that he is a highly skilled musician. In addition to his prodigious abilities as a keyboardist and percussionist, he is an adept and experienced arranger and composer. Our choir performed several of his compositions - they were highly effective - and one need only listen to a sampling of his recorded music to recognize what a talented player and writer he is. In my opinion, Michael's practical expertise and what I perceive to be his abilities to lead and to motivate, combined with his educational background would make him an excellent addition to any academic community.

Yours sincerely,

Douglas R. Bowes

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