



THE RUTH B. SHANNON
CENTER FOR THE
PERFORMING ARTS
WHITTIER COLLEGE

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RE: Recommendation for Stephanie Bettman and Luke Halpin

To Whom It May Concern:

In November of 2010, I became the Interim Theatre Manager of the Ruth B. Shannon Center for the Performing Arts at Whittier College. As the season was already underway, I was not familiar with some of the artists scheduled to perform, including Stephanie Bettman & Luke Halpin. On the 21st of that month, Stephanie and Luke arrived to perform that evening and I couldn't have been more pleased. They were very personable and accommodating from the minute they walked into the building. Then they started playing. It's one thing to have folks here who are great to be around. It's another thing altogether when they're amazing musicians. The songs, the singing and the playing were all of the highest order. When they performed, everybody had a great time – performers and audience alike. They hung out afterward to visit with people and sign CDs. They're the type of folks that you feel like you've known for a long time and that you're always happy to have around.

In April of 2011, I was offered the permanent position and happily accepted. As part of my job, I attended the WAA conference this past September, where I once again had the pleasure of spending time with Stephanie and Luke. While in Seattle, I was able to watch them represent themselves in the exhibition hall, as well as perform in showcases. As a former self-represented artist, I know how challenging these situations are for artists, and I can say that they handled it gracefully and with their usual passion and enthusiasm.

I truly can't recommend them highly enough. With Stephanie and Luke you get a high level of musicianship performed by people that are fun to be around. It doesn't get much better than that!

Sincerely,

Shane W. Cadman
Theatre Manager