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To Whom It May Concern:

Each spring and summer the Fullerton College #1 Jazz Band's curriculum is to produce a CD, a tradition at the college for over 35 years. Formerly a student at the college, I've been the Director of Jazz and Contemporary Music for 10 years now. I work with these students to attain a level of excellence in their music and their CD project to have won numerous *Downbeat Magazine* awards.

To help me with this exhaustive project, Rob Mullins came on board this spring to help coach the students through their rehearsals and recording sessions. Rob brings with his great teaching skills an array of viewpoints that he can share with the band with his years of experience as a composer, arranger, musical director and live performer. A cut above many of his counterparts, Rob is truly a visionary with his teaching methodology.

Here at the college, Rob provided coaching for the rhythm section, teaching the musicians how to work together; coaching for soloists, offering them structure and theory for improvisation; and general coaching for all sections – a composer's overview, song structures, and balance required to bring it together. In addition, Rob invited individual sections of the band to do additional rehearsals in his own studio, and was on hand at the recording studio to help with direction and mixing. Rob's excellent communication skills enabled the students to grasp complex theory and concepts of musicianship very quickly.

In the music world, there are a lot of great teachers who aren't great players, and there are a lot of great players who can't explain what they do. Rob Mullins has managed to bridge that gap. I believe the band's CD, *Standard Deviations*, will be one of our finest to date, and Rob's tireless efforts to help the students has been invaluable. His continued involvement in commercial music, both live and recorded, and his personable teaching skills is a rare combination, and I recommend Rob highly.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gregory Woll
Director of Jazz/Contemporary Music
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