



I Medici di McGill

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter of reference on behalf of Maestra Veronique Lussier, current Conductor of our orchestra.

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Following the retirement of our previous conductor we have selected Maestra Lussier as a Guest Conductor, amongst several other candidates. The first experience has been confirmed following her engagement as Music Director and Conductor of I Medici di McGill Orchestra, now in the 2nd season.

I have been impressed by several qualities of Maestra Lussier.

She has a natural musicality that has been enhanced by solid education received at the Université de Montréal and elsewhere. Her sense of structure and details is matched by her ability to convey the musical ideas to a diverse membership of I Medici di McGill. Her sense of rhythm and musical ideas combined with her clear and understandable technique of conducting is well recognized and appreciated by the ensemble.

Equally impressive and evident is her studious approach to any performance, from selection of works to preparation of rehearsals, and the final performances. She clearly works at each score and situation not leaving anything to chances. She often shares her discoveries and comprehension of a work with the ensemble contributing to the positive sense of partnership for the ensemble.

There are some specific challenges in working with I Medici an ensemble of over 60 members drawn from a talented pool of physicians, students, medical faculty, colleagues, and friends. Owing to the inhomogeneous level of musical understanding and skills of the players requires a great deal of patience and sensitivity that she has in abundance. Her infectious enthusiasm is a great facilitator in every aspect of her work with the ensemble instilling great deal of confidence amongst the members.

Ms Lussier is very much in tune with the mission of the orchestra that brings a unique artistic and social dimension to medical education and medical profession.

In conclusion, under Maestra Lussier we are looking forward to many years of growth and development in fulfilment of our mission – a public outreach of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Science.

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