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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Maria Gray. Maria has been employed by our theatre for the past 3 summers as one of our resident Production Stage Managers. She began her association with us in 2010 doing double duty as both PSM on several shows and ASM on others in our season. The following year we were delighted to have her return as PSM when we presented Academy Award winner Shirley Jones in concert and then she continued in that capacity for productions of *My Fair Lady*, *A Little Night Music* and *Funny Girl*. The 2012 season had Maria once again as PSM at the helm of *Little Women*, *Grease* and *Meet Me in St. Louis*.

Obviously, we have been more than pleased to have Maria as part of our company and consider her part of the "Gretna family".

Her work ethic is unmatched. It is an understatement to say that Maria is efficient and extremely well organized. Because of the nature of our season (one and two week rehearsals and runs) it is essential that our PSMs have these abilities. In addition, as a professional summer theatre we work with a vast array of talent, ranging from Broadway and TV directors and stars to young performing and technical interns. As a PSM, Maria has demonstrated a true talent for dealing with all these varied personalities regardless of their level of experience. She has the ability to run a tight ship (following union rules and schedules) but still keep an atmosphere of fun and creativity in both rehearsals and performances. As a director I have personally had the pleasure of working with Maria on three productions (*Mame*, *My Fair Lady* and *Meet Me in St. Louis*). I find her understanding and control of production meetings, tech and dress rehearsals to be one of her strongest assets.

I highly recommend Maria Gray to any theatre company seeking to hire a talented, committed and professional team player. She is all of those things and more and I look forward to any opportunity to work with her again. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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