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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Agnieszka Drzaszcz

Dear Sir/Madam:

I write this letter to state my heartiest endorsement and recommendation of Agnieszka Drzaszcz as a guide or courier. I had the pleasure to come to know Agnieszka last year, 2003, when she served as a courier for the Dallas Symphony Chorus's summer tour of Central Europe, arranged by ACFEA. Such is my wife's and my admiration for her that we probably would have adopted her and brought her home with us to Texas if we could have.

Agnieszka is, of course, extraordinarily competent. She is extremely bright and articulate, she works hard, she has initiative and drive, and – as we say here in the States – she “knows her stuff.” But there's much more to Agnieszka that made her a tremendously successful courier for our eclectic group of somewhat self-absorbed singers, and that would make her equally successful in any other similar venture, I believe. Agnieszka inspires calm, confidence, and trust from those she's charged with leading; she not only gives the impression that she knows what she's doing but, from my observation, she's absolutely fearless. She is open and endearing, perhaps to a fault. I will never forget her being willing to share one of her grandmother's lullabies with us – singing to an audience of singers – as we rolled along through the Austrian hills late one night. She is attentive and caring. I recall when a member of the Chorus who was under the charge of another courier suffered a burn as we prepared for a concert in Vienna; it was Agnieszka who quickly came to her aid with treatment, when no one else was taking action. All of these traits enable Agnieszka to handle both people and unexpected situations very well, from German bus drivers going the wrong way down one-way streets in Budapest to American choral conductors putting the final touches on a successful tour. In sum, Agnieszka is everything one could want in a guide, courier, or friend; anyone who engages her in any of those roles will be fortunate, indeed.

Oh, in case you're wondering, I'm not that easily pleased or impressed. I'm a 50-year-old Texas lawyer, and I've been around the block a time or two. I know quality when I have the privilege to experience it, and Agnieszka is quality of the highest order.

Sincerely,



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