



**FORT
WAYNE
BALLET**

**Inspiring Artistry, Always On
Pointe.**

Fort Wayne Ballet
300 E Main St
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

To Whom It concerns:

Please allow this letter to serve as a letter of reference for Darren McIntyre.

I have personally known Darren for over ten years. At one point, Darren was the Ballet Master for our organization, Fort Wayne Ballet. I cannot say enough about the joy I had working side by side with Darren. His skills are impressive. Just as impressive as his person. Darren is an exemplary human. He is kind and sensitive to the needs of those around him. He takes great care and pride in his work.

For an Artistic Team, I feel those qualities are extremely important. Dancers need to feel appreciated for their gifts and feel nurtured in their growing talents. The culture in the room is important in order for the dancers to flourish. I have seen Darren create just the perfect environment for that. He is aware of what each individual needs to be their best while seeing the scope of a company as a cohesive unit.

In regards to skill, Darren has a vast breadth of knowledge. As a professional dancer, he was wonderful to watch. As a dance educator, he has a deep knowledge of how to grow dancers. As an administrator, he speaks well and with great passion for the Art of Dance. He has been diligent about honing his skills in all areas of the field and loves to learn. Because of this innate part of his being, he is always mindful of repertoire and has a world-wide approach to his work. He is always challenging himself to grow so he has only his best to offer to those who have the opportunity to work with him. Darren is collaborative, creative and inclusive. That is often rare to find in our field. A bonus: Darren has a keen sense of what an audience would like to see...and support..

In closing, I cannot say enough positively on Darren's behalf. I have reviewed the CV for the position you are seeking to fill for your organization. I am quite confident Darren McIntyre could be a wonderful fit for you and your organization. Should I be able to offer further information, please feel free to contact me. I am most happy to speak on behalf of Darren.

Respectfully submitted,

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