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Brookline Adult & Community Education  
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December 11, 2008

To Whom it May Concern:

Michael Schaller taught for Brookline Adult & Community Education's program from January, 2004 until December, 2007. Michael's course load included two levels of guitar instruction as well as songwriting classes, chess classes, and writing classes. Guitar instruction has been the class that has been the most popular, and I've come to depend on Michael. Our music courses involve teaching a group of 12 students of varying levels and backgrounds chord accompaniment to popular songs, as well as how to read melody lines, basic chord forms, and melodic studies. In my capacity as music coordinator, I have had extensive contact with Michael over the years as he developed his curriculum and classroom activities.

I consider Michael to be one of BA&CE's favorite and committed instructors. Instructors here are required to develop a syllabus and to teach their classes in accordance with our student-centered educational philosophy. Michael successfully met our criteria from the start, and as the classes went by his sense of ownership increased to the point where he even has developed his own text for the students. Michael has always brought to his classes a high level of preparedness, and compassion for his students. Student evaluations are returned time and again with glowing remarks. One student wrote, "The instructor was clear, concise, and personable. As a total beginner I was surprised how much I learned." Another student wrote, "I have been playing for 16 years and I found parts of the class wonderfully challenging."

I recommend Michael as a professional worthy of your serious consideration. I am sure that he will bring the same commitment to your program that he brought to ours. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should need additional information. I can be reached at 617-730-2700 ext.109.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monica von Huene".

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To Whom It May Concern:

Although we are very disappointed in losing him, I am very pleased to recommend Michael Schaller for any guitar and bass guitar instructor position. Michael has been teaching private lessons at the Music Academy of Chelmsford for over two years now and he has become an integral part of our programs here.

Michael is a reliable, competent and motivating instructor. He gears his curriculums and lesson plans around the student's interests all the while ensuring they learn the requisite music theory and proper technique. His teaching style is easy and non-threatening and very effective with students of all ages. He always takes time after lessons with each student to communicate with parents and does it in a very professional manner.

Michael Schaller would make an excellent addition to any educational institution and I would very highly recommend him.

Sincerely,

Andrew Rega  
Owner, Music Academy of Chelmsford