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To Whom it may concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend JulieAnn Govang as a director. I have known JulieAnn for the past 14 years as a performer, director and board member.

We initially met when the Newton Country Players (NCP) launched a production of *Anything Goes*. I was the stage manager as well as a board member and JulieAnn was one of the female leads. From the very beginning, I was impressed by the way she developed her character. I learned a lot from watching the way she rehearsed and approached the role.

When directing, JulieAnn comes prepared with a clear vision for the show, including set design, costuming, staging and casting. One of her key strengths is collaborating with actors towards developing believable, natural characters. She has superb communication skills combined with a tremendous amount of enthusiasm, so you'll find that everyone involved will become engaged and focused on the same goals. She also understands the technical aspects that shows possess, so she works well with crew members to ensure a smooth production.

JulieAnn has an ability to gain people's respect and trust because she innately knows how to make people feel valued and appreciated. NCP has employed JulieAnn as a director twice and both experiences were very positive. We hope that she will be back to direct for us again soon.

If you need additional information, or if I can be of further assistance to you, please feel free to contact me at the phone number or email address listed above.

Very sincerely yours,

Jean E. MacFarland  
*President, Newton Country Players*