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To Whom It May Concern,

Mark Daum provided music lessons for me for approximately 5 years and from my time under his tutelage I learned that Mark's technical knowledge and talent cannot be understated. His unique contribution to teaching is simple: it is his passion. Since meeting Mark in 2005, I have never met a more passionate and committed musician and educator. When my friend and I were on a quest to form a band Mark offered the innovative idea of teaching us together. Not only did Mark impart his premier technical talent of the guitar and bass guitar, but he taught us how to be a band. How to listen to each other, and play together. Mark's wisdom showed us to perform as a unit, a lesson that has permeated to many aspects of my life. Furthermore, Mark's dedication and commitment to his craft was proven time and time again. I can think of countless times Mark kept us after our lessons to show us "one more thing" even when we had passed our time. His dedication expanded beyond the classroom and lead him to perform with us on the guitar and vocals on numerous occasions.

Mark's pedagogy was remarkably valuable and something I would recommend to any individual looking to take their musical journey to the next level. I feel incredibly lucky not only to have met Mark Daum, but to experience his brilliance in all things music and creativity through the power of his unique instruction.

Sincerely,

Daniel Ipema