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To Whom It May Concern:

Carol Macy is currently a participant in the Hartford Performs Arts Leader Program, a year-long small learning community, of which I am serving as the Facilitator. The Arts Leaders are devoting a significant piece of their time, voluntarily, to learn best practices in lesson planning, to develop strategies for effectively coaching teachers, and to create a professional development arts-integration workshop for teachers, based on their expertise in their art form. Leaders were selected through a competitive application process in recognition of their extensive experience as teaching artists and in a desire to equip them to be leaders in arts-integration in our school district.

In the months that I have worked with Carol in this capacity, I have been very impressed by her passion for her work, her warmth as a teacher and a colleague, and her openness – despite her vast experience – to learn and improve her craft. From the glimpses I have gotten of her, through our workshops together, as an artist, she is captivating; a brief moment of a lesson in pantomime comes to mind, in which all of the adults in our group gave over instantly to the magic of performance under her guidance. What makes her truly remarkable is that her commitment to pedagogy equals her commitment to artistry; as a teacher, she chooses her strategies with great intention, asks questions and listens intently, and positions herself to learn from those she teaches as they learn from her. It has been a pleasure to spend these months working with her, and I look forward to her work with both students and teachers in the future.

Carol is an experienced and thoughtful teaching artist who truly values collaboration. She has flexibility from working in many different settings and with many different ages. Her enthusiasm for drama and its potential for impacting learning among different learning styles and abilities is contagious. She would be a strong addition to any classroom, and to any team of educators.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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