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To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Stephanie Louise Keeton. I have known Louise for the past three years. I am her teacher and advisor in the Theatre for Youth program at Shenandoah University. I have observed Louise as an actor, student and director; in all cases I can say without reservation that she has shown a maturity and professionalism beyond that of her classmates.

A talented and hard working actor, I am impressed with Louise's commitment to a role and to the show in general. She shows a willingness to work for the best possible choice and to work within the production goals. She has great energy and a wonderful presence on stage. Her acting is wonderful, with a definite flair of her own style.

After observing her in a creative drama class, it is evident that Louise demonstrates an innate ability to organize and lead sessions in drama. She creates a positive environment and uses class management well. Her directions and demonstrations are clear and well thought out. Louise has a strong desire to learn and apply the techniques taught to her. She has the ability and desire to be a very effective teacher.

She has a wide range of abilities and strengths that are evident when working with her. She is: capable, responsible, friendly, organized and outgoing. Louise's work as a director is thoughtful and detailed. Recently she directed a piece that she created and wrote herself. It was a wonderful piece of theatre. She is able to bring divergent ideas to the stage in a fresh and enjoyable manner. Her directing shows an ability to take risks that are backed up by research and thought.

Louise is involved in many projects, often beyond those required for classes. She has consistently proven to be an asset to any project she is involved in. She has demonstrated the ability to work in varying capacities with ease and efficiency, completing her assignments with a smile and friendly words.

Louise Keeton is a likable and honest person with an amiable disposition, a truly special and wonderful person of great character. She is a volunteer: for acting challenges, for class assignments, for production work, for anything that needs to be done; a go-to person.

I feel confident in offering my recommendation for Louise Keeton. I have rarely run across someone this young that exhibits such: commitment, preparation, desire and talent. I know she will succeed in her chosen field. I feel privileged in offering my recommendation for Stephanie Louise Keeton.

Respectfully,
Wade J. Fransen, PhD.