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To Whom It May Concern,

It is a pleasure to write a recommendation on behalf of John Gardner. I met Mr. Gardner in September of 2001 at Huntington College. I have had the opportunity to view his work as an adjunct professor of music as an assistant for Wind Ensemble playing clarinet or sax, teaching private applied clarinet, and I have also witnessed recitals and solo performances by students in his own private studio.

Mr. Gardner is among the finest musicians with whom I have worked. He is a first rate teacher with an excellent mind. He always comes well prepared for rehearsals and is extremely gifted in his work. His attitude inspires others to participate and his enthusiasm for excellence is contagious.

As a musician, Mr. Gardner possesses an outstanding skill on single reed instruments, which he uses musically and intelligently. He plays with a beautiful tone quality, is always on pitch and his articulations are clear and stylistically correct.

As a person, Mr. Gardner is an outgoing, positive individual who is well liked by the faculty and his students. I find him to be congenial, cooperative, and sensible. I have always had the highest regard for him and feel that he demonstrates excellent teaching ability. He maintains a high standard of ethical-moral conduct and will reflect well upon any future position or situation. I am pleased to be able to recommend Mr. Gardner without reservation.

Sincerely,

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