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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of Gabby Rooney, a current student in the Directing Program of Columbia College Chicago. I had the pleasure of instructing Gabby in our Directing II class, as well as a Directing Practicum class, and overseeing her work on a directing project in the spring of 2020.

I found Gabby to be reliable, curious, practical, and generous. She takes her work seriously but is committed to, and has an instinctive understanding of, the playfulness involved in mounting a creative work.

Her text analysis is sharp, and her sense of composition is grounded in both logic and intuition. When sharing feedback with her peers, Gabby is considerate, but also challenging. She has a good eye and no fear about sharing with her fellow artists when she feels there’s a challenge that’s not being met. She listens carefully to feedback from peers and instructors and implements these notes where she finds them useful. She is never shy about asking questions, but never takes over the room, preferring to listen first.

She has a broad world view.

I was impressed with how competently she handled the Pandemic restrictions that were placed on her creative practice when I was working with her, and how she persevered without complaint, only making adjustments when called for.

For her artistic and intellectual integrity, attention to detail, and collegiality, I highly recommend Gabby Rooney. She is an asset to any project to which she has been invited to contribute.

Sincerely,

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