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To whom it may concern:

This is a letter of recommendation/reference for Warren Friedman . Warren's vast experience as a Stage Manager, Director and Choreographer qualify him for any position in theatre. I had the pleasure of working with Warren on Sheboygan Theatre Company's (STC) production of *Little Women*. I was the lighting designer and ended up taking over sound during the production. STC brings in outside directors for each of their 5 main stage productions each year. Warren was invited back for a second year after directing and choreographing a highly successful production of *White Christmas* at STC.

From the beginning, Warren was clear on the vision of what effects he wanted and gave me precise directions on where to begin the lighting design. Warren possesses the ability to communicate his vision so that other designers can immediately envision what the lights, set and costumes should look like. Warren has extremely high standards for the actors, designers and the overall production and he is able to achieve what he wants in a working environment that is cooperative, respectful and pleasant. Because of our limited resources at STC, trying to create a beach effect and showing a story behind the scrim were two challenges which tested me to the max. What was amazing was the support and encouragement from Warren as I tried different things. Usually a situation like that creates pressure and stress, however, the working environment that Warren creates is the exact opposite. Warren makes everyone feel like we are all partners in the process and he is open to suggestions and always seeking the best possible way to accomplish things.

The production was plagued with issues including the board of director firing the sound person two days before we opened. I had to fill in on an antiquated board that has numerous issues. The problems would have made it very uncomfortable for all involved had it not been for Warren's leadership and positivity.

Sincerely,

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