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To Whom it May Concern:

I have worked with Robbi Kumalo since the mid 1990s in her capacity as a teaching artist and performer. In the 1990s, I was Education and Program Director at the Long Island Children's Museum where Robbi performed regularly at our weekend events and drew in varied audiences to popular acclaim. Then, since the early 2000s, I have connected with Robbi through her work in the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Arts-in-Education program where we regularly contract for Robbi as a performer and teaching artist in many Suffolk County schools.

Robbi is a talented performer, with a wonderful voice and a creative knack for designing programs of interest to both young students through adults, especially with her *Keep the Beat* program where she engages her audiences in her spirit and energy as well as in the context of the program's intended outcomes of tolerance and understanding.

Robbi cares deeply about the work she does, always keeping it at the highest artistic level. Through her work with the local Aesthetic Institute at Tilles Center, she has learned the educational contexts of the work she does and articulates her learning to the students she encounters.

I highly recommend Robbi as a performing artist both with her singing and with her folk tale programs. She never disappoints audiences as she gets them up and singing and clapping, smiling and learning at the same time.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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