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Reference Letter for Elley-Ray Hennessy

It is an easy and pleasurable task to write a letter of reference regarding the work and ethos of Elley-Ray Hennessy. She is quite simply a unique talent who works constantly in the fields of theatre, film and television and is one of the most accomplished voice over actors in North America. She has been nominated, and has won, numerous awards for her work. She is well loved and respected by her professional peers and is spoken of by those who know her, in tones that reflect their wonder and delight in who she is as an artist and a human being.

Her level of employment in the industry would keep most actors busy just keeping up with themselves, but in spite of the high demand for her acting skills, Ms. Hennessy does not stop there. She has a deep passion for teaching and facilitating the artistry of others. I have had, and will again have her in to teach our graduating students because I know that from her they receive *real tools, real insight* into the business of voice acting and an *authentic artistic* place from which to create.

When I invite artists and teachers to come to work with our students at Sheridan, I take it very seriously. Who am I entrusting our students time to? What will the students gain from the hours spent with this guest teacher? Can I trust that they will have my students needs be more important than their own egos? Will my students be substantially better off, better equipped and more inspired by the time spent with this teacher? When I consider those questions, there is no doubt in my mind that Elley-Ray Hennessy is a resounding yes. I know this from my own encounters with her, but even more so from the consistently high feedback I get about her from my students.

I unequivocally recommend her to you for the education and success of your students.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours Sincerely,

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