

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Joshua Swiger, and I am an Assistant Professor of Music Industry here at WVU. I have been working with Christian Rhen (CJ) for the past year as his supervising mentor in his music research.

I have been working with CJ as part of the Music Industry Program. CJ has been the main arranger and producer for the Session Band Chamber Ensemble. His role is to evaluate the songs that we are producing for artist and provide input and producing ideas to prepare the music to record. CJ has also been part of the post-production and recording of the WVU School of Music "A Celebration of Country Roads" His work on that project has been very good.

I am very impressed with CJs work ethic and knowledge in these areas. He excels in leading and collaborating with students.

CJ is in the process of collaborating with many different student musicians in the School of Music as a part of a new album he is creating. I have been very impressed by the work CJ has been doing in this arena on his own, and I am excited to help see him to the finish line with this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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