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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter serves as a recommendation of Jennifer Rea in support of her abilities as a teacher and musician. As Director of Choral Activities at Southwestern Illinois College I teach many of the courses Jennifer (Jenny) has taken as she pursued our Associate of Fine Arts degree from August 2014 to May 2016. I had the pleasure of working with Jenny in both large group settings like Concert Choir, No-Name Chorale, Chamber Singers, and Music Literature as well as one on one in her Applied Voice Lessons and her position as departmental student worker and I can say without doubt that she will make a valuable contribution to your school district.

Jenny was a rare student. She combined every attribute I look for: an intelligent and curious mind, stunning vocal talent, exceptional work ethic, and a truly kind and caring personality. As a music teacher she will succeed wherever she goes, but what makes Jenny special is her ability to improve those around her. As our Concert Choir's soprano section leader, Jenny showed tremendous leadership by the example she set during rehearsal and by guiding those around her to reach their own potential. She also proved to be a reliable and diligent student worker. I know without doubt that she will carry out any task to the best of her ability and will search for ways to go above and beyond the call of duty. Her kindness and generosity of spirit, combined with her musical excellence, has been nearly impossible to replace. Jenny has continued to be a leader and prove her musical abilities as she has moved onto Murray State University. I am incredibly proud of her accomplishments in her classes, singing with Opera Theater Ensemble and several other groups, her remarkable successes at NATS, and her involvement to make the community better through Sigma Alpha Iota as committee chair to the campus involvement and service committee.

I wholeheartedly give Jenny my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

Andy Jensen, D.M.A.
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