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Recommendation of Arlin Strader,

I am pleased to have the opportunity of providing a reference for Arlin Strader. I have known Arlin as a professional drummer and friend since 2004, eight of those years making music together at All Saints Church, an Anglican church in Pawleys Island, SC. I served as a full time staff member of the church working as a worship leader for a contemporary service, a praise band member for a blended service, and in charge of audio technical services on campus.

As a person and a drummer, I feel very comfortable recommending Arlin to you. He is solid and highly skilled in all phases of drumming. I witnessed him playing to all styles of worship music, from gentle Hymns accompanying organ and choir, to rock influenced praise band music. He is able to adapt to any style in a way that tastefully complements, provides space in the music, and yet perfectly helps enable other musicians and vocalists to fulfill their roles. He is sensitive to the attending congregation. He takes direction well, but honestly, he does not need much and requires little attention from the leader.

From a technical side, All Saints Church made a transition from acoustic to electronic drums over the past few years. Arlin made this transition without a hitch and always had a great attitude about using whatever was available to help in leading worship.

In spite of the high demand for his drumming skills throughout the week, Arlin fulfilled his weekly commitment to our team. He is prompt and ready to start on time. He is a lover of the Lord, and well liked by other team members. Although he is restrained in his mentoring, he has a good sense of when sharing his experience would be of benefit to others on the team. Arlin is passionate about helping enthusiastic young musicians to improve.

I can heartily recommend Arlin Strader to any organization, and I will happily answer any questions you might have about my association with him.

Sincerely,

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