



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

BOB COLE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

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It is with great pleasure that I recommend Dennis Frayne. Dennis has the skills, dedication, and personality to be one of those teachers who truly makes difference. He provides motivation backed up by experience in music and theater, he works from a central core of kindness while challenging others to do their best, and he is organized, determined, and dedicated to his work.

Dennis is motivated to excel. This was demonstrated numerous times but none more clearly than his production of Kurt Weill's *Down in the Valley – A Folk Opera*, a collaborative project among several departments in the College of the Arts at CSULB, and was funded by an Associated Students grant. Though it may seem a logical undertaking, it is no easy task to gather everyone (who is already extraordinarily busy) needed for the fully-staged production, run rehearsals, prepare the acting and singing and the orchestra, all of which Dennis did. This was, I believe, the first such major collaboration to come to fruition in my thirteen years at CSULB. And the crucial aspect is that when it was complete, everyone knew they had participated in something special, something of immeasurable quality, and that they all had fun.

Dennis has excellent piano skills and is a wonderful choral musician. He is smart. Though I am not expert enough in theater to give you a high-level critique of his dramatic side, I know it is also stellar. He really does have it all and will be a remarkable asset to any program. I give him my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Bremer".

Dr. Carolyn Bremer
Director, Bob Cole Conservatory