

To Whom It May Concern,

It is an honor to write this letter of recommendation in support of Louanne Greer's candidacy for the Texas Orchestra Directors' position of Member-at-Large. Louanne and I have been friends and colleagues for approximately seventeen years.

I first met Louanne when she applied for the position of Assistant Orchestra Director at Young Jr. High School in Arlington, TX. At the time I was the Head Orchestra Director at Young Jr High. I knew instinctively on meeting her that she was the right person for the position. She had an air of confidence about her and yet was completely open to furthering her own personal knowledge in string ensemble instruction.

From the beginning of our working relationship there was no "assistant" or "head" orchestra teacher. It was a co-teaching experience from our first year of instruction together until the day that I left the Arlington Independent School District. She is a natural teacher and leader and I've never seen anyone pick up on teaching methods and then expand on those methods more quickly than Louanne. Her relationship with students, teachers and administration is excellent and exudes a quiet confidence that lets you know immediately that she is up for any task that is at hand.

In the time that I worked with Louanne, she took on the responsibilities of Region 5 Chair and directed and ran the Texas Cello Academy for the University of Arlington until the cessation of that program. This is just a couple of large group organizations for which she was responsible in a sea of many, many organizations. She is one of the most self -possessed and organized individuals I ever met, and I relied greatly on her expertise for this organization. In fact, I learned quickly that I may as well let Louanne do it because what took me an hour to accomplish, she could efficiently take care of in five to ten minutes! Not only was she an excellent teacher but she kept our program running so very smoothly. I am confident that this skill set would serve the TODA Board very, very well.

When I made the decision to leave Arlington ISD and return to Fort Worth ISD as Orchestra Specialist there was absolutely no question as to who was to be the next Head Orchestra Director at Young Jr. High School. In fact, Louanne was ready many years prior for a head director position but our teamwork together was so rewarding that we continued as we were for many years. As she took over the responsibilities of the program, I had zero concerns about the orchestra program's continued pursuit of excellent and I am happy to report that I have been correct in that assumption.

In closing, Louanne's teaching charisma with both students and other teachers, her history of pedagogical teaching excellence and her magnificent organizational skills is an asset to orchestra in the State of Texas. She is an asset in the classroom and would be an asset on the TODA Board and I unequivocally support her candidacy for TODA Member- at -Large.

Thank you for your consideration.

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