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Faculty Search Committee Berklee College of Music 1140 Boylston Ave Boston, MA. 02115

Dear Faculty Search Committee Members,

It is my pleasure to write you today with my recommendation for Tom Frazee.

I've known Tom for over 20 years and had the pleasure of performing and producing music with him in the mid-1990's as a percussionist and vocalist in his band *Roche*. We parted ways when I returned to New York City where I was fortunate enough to have been signed and produced a record with the late Phil Ramone. I enjoyed over 10 years as a working musician and producer before returning to Boise in 2008. Tom and I immediately connected upon my return and we've worked together, again, for the past 8 years on his various music, production and music education projects.

To this day, Tom remains the consummate musician and performer with the finest skills as both a trombonist, writer and programmer. I've seen him make passionate presentations to small groups of investors as well as large crowds of enthusiasts. He has worked closely with me as well as a team of professionals to bring his MEO (Music Education Online) vision to reality from both a leadership perspective as well as driving the technical innovation "backbone" of his teaching product.

Tom has helped me creatively by offering his insight and skills to my music projects and brings a level of pragmatism and professionalism that maintains artistic integrity while meeting deadlines. He knows how to create a "hook" across multiple instruments and voices which helps engage a listener immediately. He charts like a master and his knowledge of the building blocks of music, song and production make each project effortless and fun.

I can't recommend Tom enough and feel he would be a huge benefit to your institution. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Best Regards

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