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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend to you Zach Ward of DSI Comedy Theatre, as a teacher of improvisational acting technique.

As Head of the Professional Actor Training Program in the Department of Dramatic Art at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, I engaged Zach to offer his "Improv 101" course in a concentrated form to the MFA acting students in our program. The course was a clear success with both the students and the audience members who saw the final showing of work. As Head of the program I was delighted with the results of Zach's course and received strong positive feedback from the actors.

I have been impressed with Zach's knowledge of the Improv form and with the rigorous and passionate way he teaches. The course is well organized and demands discipline, high energy and sharp concentration by the participants. And it is a whole lot of fun. As an administrator, I appreciated Zach's flexibility in scheduling and his professional approach to the logistical and financial aspects of our collaboration.

As a professional actor and teacher of acting, I recommend Improv training as a core element of preparation for the field. Zach is an outstanding teacher of the technique. Further, I believe that Zach's approach to Improv would also pay benefits to any individual or group that values enhanced abilities in verbal and physical self-expression, wit, humor, and mental acuity.

Sincerely,

Ray Dooley

Professor and Head of the Professional Actor Training Program