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To Utah State Office of Education Dance Endorsement Staff:

It is with great pleasure that I humbly write a recommendation for Rebekah Wainwright for an endorsement in dance. I have known Rebekah for twenty eight years and in that time, I have been impressed with the tenacity, work ethic and the passion that Rebekah has for dance. She has continually sought opportunities to further her education as well as her own mastery of the art.

Utah, namely, the southwest region is extremely fortunate to have Rebekah in the dance community. She is a knowledgeable and effective teacher who imparts the importance of technique all the while encouraging creative expression. As a dancer, Rebekah has contributed her time, talent and creativity to her community wherever she has resided.

I met Rebekah while she was in high school and I had just moved to Saint George. We have kept in touch ever since. I have always admired her integrity, strength and courage. These are her virtues as both a person and dancer. She has been involved with many teaching opportunities over the years and she has ALWAYS left a program in a much better place than what she found it. Her students perform at a mature level beyond their years. The impact she is making on the education of young dancers is nothing short of phenomenal. Her dancers are always taught and perform at age appropriate levels, but the result of time spent with this amazing teacher gives them a very large margin of depth, technical prowess and stage presence that puts them often at a level beyond even most high school dance companies. Programs grow under her direction and parents as well as staff are impressed with her professionalism, but even more with the care and attention she invests in each of her students encouraging them to excel in their artistry that also develops confidence and character.

I have retired from teaching dance in the public schools, and I had the privilege of a short run as Artistic Director with St. George Dance Company before moving back to my home state. I know Utah's dance community is in capable hands with teachers such as Rebekah Wainwright. Should you have further inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me so I can tell you more about this remarkable woman!

Kindest regards,

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