

## Letter of Recommendation for Rion Towery

To Whom It May Concern:

We have had the pleasure of knowing **Rion Towery** for the past 6 years. Our son changed dance studios to take classes from Rion and be a part of his competitive dance company. We quickly developed great respect for Rion's unique skillset and rapport with his students. He is extremely patient and uses positive encouragement to motivate his dancers. His teaching style creates an atmosphere in which students work hard and are pushed to reach their highest potential yet have a lot of fun in the process.

We were especially thankful for Rion's background in musical theatre and how he incorporated certain aspects of theatre into his choreography. His passion and enthusiasm are contagious and his creativity is unmatched. Our son (now 17 years old) attends a performing arts high school in Dallas and just closed a professional production of Newsies. We couldn't help but recognize that Rion's instruction and influence has played a large role in our son's success. Because he has selflessly poured into a younger generation of performers, his impact will continue to grow. We were excited to hear that Rion is pursuing a masters in directing. Because he is a quadruple threat (actor, singer, dancer, musician), his own performance background will not only bring a lot of experience to the classroom, but will also allow him to be able to relate well to the performers he will direct in the future. Consequently, his artistic eye and collaborative approach to any project make him a great person to work with on a creative team. We believe he'd be an asset to any program.

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