

Cinema and Television Arts

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to recommend Madison Heiderscheit for any opportunities she may pursue in the field of filmmaking and directing. Madison has been a student in my BA capstone Fictional Cinema Production class, where I have had the privilege of witnessing her dedication, leadership skills, and exceptional storytelling abilities firsthand.

During her time at Columbia College Chicago, Madison has demonstrated remarkable leadership skills in various roles. As a Maker Space Associate, she supervised student use of art supplies and machines while maintaining order within the facility. Her ability to host and teach workshops about different craft techniques to students showcases her commitment to sharing knowledge and fostering a creative environment.

During her summer internship at FACETS, Madison exhibited her dedication to her craft and role as a filmmaker. She played a crucial role in teaching kids ages 8 to 17 different aspects of film, including vocabulary, history, and film technology. She guided them through the entire filmmaking process, from preproduction to post-production, demonstrating her commitment to nurturing young talent and fostering a passion for storytelling.

Madison's ability to visualize the final product and her talent for storytelling through dynamic shot design are particularly noteworthy. She possesses a clear and compelling vision, which is essential in the field of filmmaking. Moreover, Madison excels in creative problem-solving, a skill that is indispensable for success in directing.

I have been thoroughly impressed by Madison's leadership skills, storytelling abilities, and dedication to her craft. I have no doubt that she will continue to excel and make significant contributions to the filmmaking industry. I wholeheartedly recommend her for any opportunities that may arise.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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