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To Whom it may Concern:

Tony Tobin has been an Assistant Lecturer in the Group Piano area of the University of Southern California for the past two years. In that time I have observed his teaching of several levels of Beginning Piano classes and have seen the results he has obtained.

Tony is an extremely bright person and an effective teacher. His natural mode of interaction with classes and individuals contrasts with my own: he is more analytical and not as automatically "outgoing." But his sense of organization and his ability to express himself has had very good results, and his students have been consistently well prepared and successful. During most of the past two years I have been closely involved with planning and supervising his (and all of the Assistant Lecturers') work, but in the Spring 1992 semester he was very much more on his own. It speaks well for him that during this time his students continued to perform well, and their final exams were exceptionally well prepared.

Tony participated in the MTNA Student Chapter (as Vice President) and represented the USC Student Chapter at the California (CAPMT) convention in January, 1992. He has been both dependable in his class assignments and helpful in the myriad ways that people must be as team players within a department.

Now beginning a Doctorate in Musicology at Eastman, Tony's intelligence, organization, and determination will enable him to surely excel in this area as well. I recommend Tony for your strong consideration as a teacher of piano or, when his studies are finished, for any collegiate-level position for which his training will prepare him. He is bright, dependable and amicable and will be a valuable addition to any faculty.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Lynenstull".

Thomas J. Lynenstull
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