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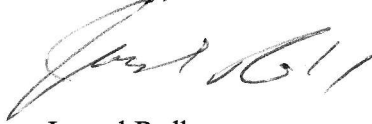
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to express my high esteem of Laurie Swigart. In Spring of 2003, I had the privilege of acting in *A Penny for a Song*, directed by Mrs. Swigart. Before *Penny* I had performed in a handful of productions directed by other men and women. What made acting in Laurie's play a particularly special experience was her balance of professionalism and heart.

The cast was made up of high-school aged kids as well as older community members (I being 30 at the time). Laurie took her role as director seriously, demanding--and receiving--professional performances from all cast members. Her many years of theatrical experience and genuine care for people enabled her to draw out a winning performance from the most novice of actors. Yet, she revealed to me her true love of theater through her actions—her genuine care and concern for the cast and crew of the show, both young and old. I personally experienced much growth under her direction—in acting ability and self confidence.

Laurie Swigart succeeded in maintaining that delicate balance between being a friend who provides support and a director who commands respect in order to elicit top-notch performances from all of her actors, whether they be fifteen or fifty. I would gladly perform under Laurie's direction again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jarrod Roll".

Jarrod Roll