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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Alberto Lombardo. Alberto is a talented playwright and a dedicated acting teacher. I recommend him without hesitation in many artistic capacities.

Clark University had the great fortune to host Alberto as a guest artist in the spring of 2012. During that time, we presented a reading of his fine play "Scent of a Hot Air Balloon." Alberto also conducted a number of acting and writing workshops in both French and English. These were open to majors and non-majors alike. Lastly, Alberto spent a good deal of time visiting my seminar in the political play, giving feedback and insight into the work. During this time, I and the students of Clark really got to know Alberto in many capacities. We were completely charmed by his abilities in explaining and interpreting plays. He is such a gifted teacher and it was an absolute joy having him on campus. So many of my students remarked at how much they enjoyed meeting and working with Alberto. In many ways, he kind of took over the place!

Alberto is a very giving director and acting coach. He understands that solid acting is to be at the heart of any great production and his work is always guided by the principle "If it doesn't work for the actors, it doesn't work." It's truly refreshing to find a director who has such an understanding at the center of his process. I would hire Alberto again to direct at Clark and am hopeful that he will find time to come visit us again.

It goes without saying that Lombardo is a very talented playwright his well. His work is funny and daring, with characters that are truly unique. He has a unique sensibility a keen idea as to what is theatrical. His writing voice is sharp and unique. The Clark audience loved "Scent of a Hot Air Balloon" and many students and faculty expressed interest in his other works. In fact, I am hopeful that one day we will be able to commission Alberto Lombardo to write a play for the Clark community that we can develop and perform.

Alberto Lombardo is a thoughtful and intelligent person who will be a great asset to any acting or writing program. He is an outstanding writer and remains a student of the art with a great deal of potential. He has many great works already to his credit but I am certain his greatest works lie in front of him. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me through Clark University.

Sincerely,

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