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To whom it may concern:

Brian W. Grundstrom has studied composition with me for the past six years. His skills as an emerging composer have grown considerably during that time, and I am especially happy with his recent progress in orchestration. After successfully mastering the basics of composition with his works for piano, duo piano, and chorus, Brian was ready to embrace the challenges of writing an orchestra work.

His third piece for orchestra, "Before the Fall!" is a finely crafted work, full of rhythmic vigor and color. In addition the piece demonstrates continued maturity in his use of compositional elements, and an advance in technique since writing his first two orchestra compositions, "Contentment" and "Jubilation!"

I strongly urge you to consider selection of "Before the Fall!" The experience would prove very valuable for Mr. Grundstrom, providing him with necessary feedback and positive reinforcement at this critical moment in his career.

Brian is dedicated to his music, has solid musical training, and shows wonderful potential as a young composer. With respect and admiration for his talent and skill, I commend him for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John David Earnest", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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