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"Expanding the Appreciation of Symphonic Music"

Roupen Shakarian
Music Director/Conductor

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is a reference for Pat Grant. Pat served as auctioneer for a fundraiser held jointly by Skagit Symphony and Skagit Artists Together on April 1, 2012. This was a new event for both groups, and though some of the members had participated in fundraising auctions, none had experience at planning and organizing an auction.

Pat proved to be a guiding force. He met with the planning committee, explained the process and what usually worked well, suggested ideas for items to include and avoid, and told us how many items we would need for the number of attendees that we expected. He visited the venue and recommended the use of space for the event. We followed his suggestions, and our auction was a success.

At the auction, as auctioneer, Pat displayed energy and skill, and was able to obtain bids for every item offered. Many items sold for far more than their stated value. Pat knows how to engage the audience, and presents himself well.

Our experience at working with him was entirely positive, and we would recommend him to others without reservation.

Sincerely,

Linda Henley, on behalf of

The April Fools Masked Ball and Auction Committee

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