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To whom it may concern:

Last year, my husband, Pierre Grill, and I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Ralph Hedges of the Chopin Piano Academy. We are ourselves musicians and the owners of a recording studio in Honolulu. Mr. Hedges brought three very young piano students, ranging in age from nine to twelve, to record for a piano competition in New York. We were incredibly impressed and moved by the musicianship as well as the technique with which they performed. At that point he agreed to teach our eight year old son. When our teenage daughter attended one of his lessons, she was so impressed that she insisted we allow her to change piano teachers to study with Mr. Hedges. Since then we have brought numerous students to him, all with outstanding results.

In all our years in this business, this is the first time we have experienced a teacher of his remarkable ability. His approach is extremely holistic in nature which keeps the students excited and challenged regardless of age. The students are actually performing beautiful classical pieces within a very short period of time. They are spared the years of boredom which usually result in

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students terminating their studies. Mr. Hedges sees the potential for genius in each of his students. They sense this and seem to rise to the occasion, whetting the appetite for more.

Ralph Hedges is truly a "professor extraordinaire." We are extremely fortunate to know him in this capacity.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aileen Sander Grill". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a prominent initial 'A'.

Aileen Sander Grill