

ALVIN AMERICAN AILEY DANCE THEATER

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Dear Sir and Madam:

Sharon Gersten Luckman
Executive Director

I am writing this letter on behalf of Mr. Guenter Thomas Kaiser.

I have worked with and had dealings with Guenter Kaiser in a number of different contexts. During my tenure as Program Administrator of The Alley School's Pre-Professional High School program from September 2000 through June 2004, I worked alongside of and consulted with Guenter in his capacity as technical director and sound technician for The Alley School's studio performances. The Alley School, training institution of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, is one of the largest dance training conservatories in New York, and the Alley Company is one of New York's and America's most important artistic institutions. I am also an independent teacher of classical ballet; Guenter would often attend my classes at STEPS Studio in Manhattan as a way of increasing his understanding and appreciation of dance as an art form.

Guenter Kaiser embodies a unique collection of skills. He is a skilled sound technician and engineer with first hand experience as a practitioner of both music and dance. Having worked on two continents, he has broad knowledge of the artistic and technical environment of both America and Europe. As such, he brings a unique range of knowledge and experience to his work. In addition, I always found him to be a serious minded and congenial co-worker, someone who gets things done yet is easy to work with.

Guenter Kaiser provides a range of knowledge and abilities that makes him a valuable member of New York's artistic community. In both my institution, and generally in the New York arts community, his work is in high demand.

If you should need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me personally at my home number, 201 933 5633.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Atwood