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To Whom It May Concern:

I have worked with Ms. Amanda White for the past three and a half years as both vocal coach and accompanist and have found her to be an outstanding student and singer.

She is a coloratura soprano capable of good legato line as well as thrilling coloratura. As well as her extreme technical gifts, Ms. White is also a superb musician, able to learn even the most complicated scores very quickly but thoroughly, willing to take care with both score and text.

Amanda is a skilled linguist; capable in all the 'singing' languages; i.e. French, German and Italian. Ms. White also has a very perceptive ear, quick to work with the subtlest nuances and differences in language.

I have found Amanda to be a talented performer, possessing great instincts and reflexes on stage. She has good energy and a great work ethic making her a "natural" for the operatic stage.

Ms. White is a responsible and willing student capable of taking direction well and quickly. She is also a warm and generous colleague with a personable manner and sense of humor.

I have no hesitation recommending Amanda White to any institution or program, to which I feel she would only be an asset.

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