

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to familiarize you with the character and professionalism of Ms. Cheryl A. Saks.

I first came to know Cheryl approximately eight years ago when my daughter, Lauren, began to study private voice and piano lessons with her. Lauren, currently a junior in high school, continues to study with Cheryl and over the years has consistently earned numerous musical awards and honors under the direction of Cheryl, including "outstanding" or "A" ratings in NYSSMA, placement in SCMEA and NYSCAME, and had many lead roles in plays.

Ms. Saks is an outstanding individual both professionally and personally. Students immediately love Cheryl because she provides such a comfortable, nurturing learning atmosphere. Parents immediately love Cheryl because their children are happy, non-stressed and they are amazed at the quick progress their children make. At the same time Cheryl is teaching piano and voice, she boosts self-esteem for her students because children learn so quickly with Cheryl which makes them feel good about themselves. Words alone cannot describe Cheryl. All I can say is everyone in life should have the golden opportunity to be taught by Cheryl Saks and experience her love for music and for life.

Cheryl has watched many students grow up from young elementary students to young adults who are attending college. She maintains friendships with many of her students long after they have finished studying with her because that's how Cheryl is. She genuinely cares for her students way beyond her responsibilities of a music educator.

Professionally, Cheryl is among the very best. She is extremely knowledgeable and is truly skilled at selecting children's strengths and weaknesses and working with them to make children the best they can be. Cheryl is honest and trustworthy and provides an extremely safe, loving learning environment.

If you are considering voice and/or piano lessons for your child, I wholeheartedly recommend Cheryl for your child. You will be very happy you chose her and will be amazed and the almost instant success your child will have.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Houdek