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To whom it may concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this recommendation for Seth Panitch. I have known Seth for twenty years as a fellow artist, mentor and friend. Seth is perhaps the hardest working, intelligent, creative artist I know. He acts, directs, writes, produces and teaches, a five-threat man.

The University of Alabama pulled off a coup when it hired Seth. If you have studied his record, I'm sure you are as impressed as I am with his passion and skill. He is the gift that keeps on giving. Nothing seems to stop his endless supply of energy and creativity.

Awarding Seth the position of Full Professor is, in my estimation, truly a no-brainer. Seth could easily make it as a professional actor, writer or director in any market of his choosing. That he chose to be an educator is a blessing for generations of students whose potentials will be brightened by Seth's presence.

As a professional director of theatre, film and T.V., my appraisal of Seth is decidedly non-academic. I do not have the experience to comment on Seth in a scholarly light, but I can talk about Seth as a professional creative artist (an incredible accomplishment when one considers this development has occurred simultaneously with exceptional success in academia). His professional portfolio is nothing short of impressive. His range is monumental. He is a one in a generation find and the University of Alabama is beyond fortunate to have him, just as it will be beyond fortunate to have him continue his work there as a Full Professor.

Sincerely,

Joel Zwick
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(CV Follows Below)

Filmmaker

Big Fat Greek Wedding

Fat Albert

Elvis Has Left the Building

Theatrical Director

Dance With Me

Broadway, Tony Nomination

Shenandoah

Broadway, Nat'l Tour

George Gershwin, Alone

Broadway, West End, London

Back from Broadway

Broadway, Lincoln Center

Oklahoma

Nat'l Tour

Woycek

West End, London

Beethoven As I Knew Him

Old Globe Theatre

Charter member, La Mama Theatre Company

Off Broadway

Television Director

Mork and Mindy

Laverne and Shirley

Happy Days

Perfect Strangers

Bosom Buddies

Teaching Positions

Yale School of Drama

University of Southern California

Brooklyn College