



Kenosee Lake Kitchen Party

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To: Whom it May Concern
Re: Fred Keller, musician

I have had the good fortune of knowing and observing Fred Keller for approximately 5 years in my capacity as the team of organizers of the Forget Summer Festival of the Arts, and as the Director of the music camp "The Kenosee Lake Kitchen Party".

Over these years, I have observed Fred as a performer, a workshop leader, a cooperative musician and a mandolin instructor.

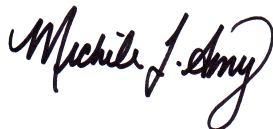
As a performer, Fred brings musical excellence to the stage, as well as a dynamic and entertaining presence. Audiences respond quickly to his quirky humour, his wry banter and obvious talent.

As a workshop leader, both on-stage and off-stage, Fred manages to keep an orderly flow of events occurring, encouraging the reluctant to participate and supporting other musicians thoroughly and selflessly, enhancing their performances. Off stage, Fred encourages amateurs, children and musicians at all stages of their journey to play along. His passion is contagious, and he surrounds himself with others who wish to play.

In 2009, I hired Fred as the key mandolin instructor at my music camp, and knew I would be pleased with his performance. However, he exceeded my expectations. He had a difficult class encompassing extremely advanced players as well as raw beginners, and he was able to keep everyone learning and productive. He was prepared, flexible and demonstrated exceptional teaching skills. His students loved him, and his advanced students couldn't have been more pleased.

He added greatly to the atmosphere of camp by participating in many student jam sessions around campfires, on decks and in hallways. He just never really stopped playing. His performances were top-notch, and he was constantly invited to play by the other instructors, whom he met at the camp itself.

I would highly recommend Fred Keller as an instructor in any session: camps, workshops or private gigs. His level of playing, instruction techniques and musicianship are top-notch.



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