

September 26, 2103

Dear Columbus Library,

This is a letter of recommendation for Mike Siculan to do puppet presentations and demos at the library. I have known Mike for two years, when he volunteered to be the Vice President of the Columbus Puppetry Guild, a group that I am the President of which has the purpose of promoting the art of puppetry.

I find Mike to be personable and genuinely interested in the art of puppets and puppetry. Mike has attended the regional puppetry festivals of the Great Lakes area for the last two years and went to the National Puppetry Festival in Pennsylvania in August.

This past summer, he made arrangements with the Columbus Museum of Art to do puppet demos eight different days during the museum exhibit: *Strings Attached: The Living Tradition of Czech Puppets*. Each day, Mike brought some of his marionettes. Patrons and their children enjoyed having the opportunity to see and touch and manipulate marionettes.

As vice president of the puppetry guild, each meeting Mike brings different puppets that he owns and usually has been working on. Mike is a skilled artist and enjoys working on his art.

Mike is willing to help out when needed and is interesting to talk to. He really enjoys talking about puppetry. I think he would do well at doing presentations to promote the art of puppetry.

Sincerely,

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