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To Whom It May Concern:

I first met Eric Henderson when he was an eighteen year old professional guitarist preparing for his second European tour. He was performing a short series of concerts before the tour when a mutual friend brought him to Tulsa. Eric performed a concert in Tulsa and afterwards, I traveled with them to Texas to see his performances there. These concerts in Oklahoma and Texas were of the highest professional caliber.

In the early 1980's, Eric again traveled to Europe to perform additional tours. He came back to Tulsa during that time and conducted a very successful Master Class for my students at the University of Tulsa in addition to performing a public concert.

Eric returned to Tulsa earlier this month and performed another public concert. During this visit, Eric gave a lecture demonstration for the music students and faculty at the University of Tulsa. His command of the standard repertoire remains flawless and fresh. He brings a great new idea to guitar concerts with his arrangements of 1960's rock and roll classics. The audience was of one mind as they rewarded him with a standing ovation.

Eric Henderson is one of the finest classical guitarists performing today. He started his career as a teenager, and it has been my privilege to watch Eric and his music continue to grow. Over the past weeks, several students and faculty have mentioned that they hope he returns soon. I think that's a wonderful idea.

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