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To Whom It May Concern:

Eduardo Del Signore has been giving guitar lessons to my daughter, Annie, for three years. His ability to work effectively with her is apparent in the progress she has made during that time. She has not only become competent to play the technically challenging pieces he has brought to their lessons, but she has also developed the skill to compose and play a very intricate piece of her own.

It is my privilege to write a letter of recommendation for Eduardo because I feel very grateful to him for having the patience and vision to continue teaching Annie when she was not motivated to put much time into practicing. He not only stuck with her, he also interacted with her in a way that has encouraged her to learn and grow as a musician. Eduardo seems to be gifted in his ability to communicate to young people that they are accepted and valued, as they are. His status as teacher and adult does not appear to get in the way of forming real human connections with his students. It seems natural that a young person who often feels criticized by adults, would blossom in the tutelage of a man who sees their unique gifts and potential.

In addition to kindness and respect, it is my opinion that Eduardo also models to his students reliability and a willingness to work hard. He has always communicated clearly about lesson times and changes and has ensured that a lesson would be given at an alternative time if he needed to cancel for his own musical engagements.

It is my belief that the music students at Pepperdine would be fortunate to have Eduardo as their teacher.

Sincerely. Laco Carolyn Warren