

January 18, 2022

**Re: Jason Valleau Reference**

To Whom it May Concern:

I am very pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Jason Valleau.

Jason Valleau is one of the most unique and astounding educators and performers in Canada. Through my work with the Calgary Jazz Festivals, I was fortunate to have Jason join our team for two seasons. His energy and creativity helped create our online educational programs as well as spearheading unique presentations including the national renowned 'JazzReach' pairing musicians from various genres with jazz musicians. He is not only creative, but one of the most organized and focused individuals I have had the privilege to work with. He brought our management systems online and helped our organization become one of the leaders in our space in Canada.

Beyond his work with our organization, Jason is known throughout the musical community in Alberta as one of the top clinicians for band programs on multiple instruments. As a musician myself who works with several schools in southern Alberta, I have watched Jason work wonders with young players. He has an energy about him that is infectious, which is paired with a pedagogical approach that yields instant results. He is able not only to get kids to buy in to his teachings but knows how to really teach music. I feel any program that is fortunate enough to have Jason Valleau will see their abilities grown in music in both reaching and educating their students.

Sincerely,



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