To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Ms Emelia Scanlon, a friend and fellow musician of the highest caliber. I have known Emelia for over 10 years and during that time, I have not ceased being amazed at her talent and ability.

Allow me to introduce myself: My name is Henry E. Davis and I have been a professional electric bass player since 1972. During my career, I have played with many artists, both in concert and on recordings, in genres that include Jazz, Pop, R & B, Blues, and Latin. The artists include people such as Peggy Lee, Johnny Mathis, Herbie Hancock, The Friends of Distinction, Freddie Hubbard, Lionel Richie, The Temptations, Diana Ross, Bobby Goldsboro, Tom Jones, etc. I have been a member of the former A&M recording artists Love, Togetherness and Devotion (aka L.T.D.) since 1972. I am currently the bass player at Messiah Missionary Baptist Church and the English Gospel Choir Director of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Los Angeles, which is where my musical affiliation with Emelia really began.

Emelia Scanlon is an amazing pianist who has a remarkable understanding and proficiency in various genres from Classical to Jazz. She has introduced me to chorales, etudes and Gregorian Chants. She is an extraordinarily proficient artist who sight reads, arranges, composes, and performs all things musical. In fact, St. Paul's parish is comprised of three communities; English, Spanish and Korean. Several times a year the choirs combine for a trilingual service and Emelia performs with each choir in a flawless manner. On a more personal note: One thing that I love doing is introducing her to my friends at a party or other musical event and asking if she can sit in for a couple of tunes. Of course the answer is "Sure, no problem!" Then this mild mannered, unassuming woman with the outward demeanor of a librarian sits down (or stands as the case may be) at the keys and proceeds to just *blaze* whatever song is called. Up-tempo Jazz, Dance, Ballad, whatever, my friends invariably look at Emelia with jaw-dropping awe and amazement (usually accompanied with a mild expletive)! I love doing that! Unfortunately, I can only surprise people a few times because her reputation spreads quickly.

In closing, I whole-heartedly recommend Emelia Scanlon for any artistic position that she applies for. With her range, ability and enthusiasm, you would be totally remiss in not choosing her to do the job.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Henry E. Davis

PS: If any further information is needed, please don't hesitate to call me at 323.841.1200.