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To Those Needing to Know:

Letters of recommendation are often seen. Most of those seen, however, have somehow been sought out by the person/entity that is being recommended. This letter was prompted not by a request, but by the sincere thrill that Mark Miller has brought to my piano playing.

As a child, I found myself taking piano lessons just as many of my friends did. And while I enjoyed it, and continued to take lessons for some 10 years, it was not until I had the opportunity to receive instruction from Mark that my ability took leaps and bounds from where I had been. For the first time in my life, I actually **SEE** the music, instead of just play it.

Mark has the ability to zero in on a students Achilles heel, and walk them through the difficult parts with new understanding, that stays with you long after that particular difficult piece has passed. For me, at least, Mark has shown me things I wouldn't have dreamed possible, the latest, is simply giving me the lead sheet, and letting me fill in the chords and /or accompaniment on my own. Can I do it flawlessly? Not yet, but the thought of even trying something like this before I met Mark would have had me laughing at such an impossible task.

So, as you can tell, I'm a Mark Miller fan/advocate. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. But note this, Mark's time slots are going to be filling up fast. Don't miss the opportunity to discover what you've been missing while sitting at the piano.

Sincerely,

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