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To Whom It May Concern:

I had the honor to work with Dr. Leah Muir from 2015-2016, during which I was a Fulbright Scholar studying at the Universität der Künste in Berlin. I was awarded the scholarship while I was completing my Masters of Music program at the Juilliard School.

The goal of my year abroad was to become more immersed in performing and studying contemporary music and improvisation. I had the great fortune of being invited by Dr. Muir to join as a violinist performing with her then newly-formed Ensemble ilinx, where I had the eye-opening experience of performing works by Elena Mendoza, Francesco Filidei, Salvatore Sciarrino, Steve Reich, including many student composers studying at the UdK. Dr. Muir's innovative approach to programming changed my perceptions about how music could be performed and experienced, and she eventually motivated and inspired me to form my own contemporary music ensemble upon returning to New York.

Dr. Muir's unwavering dedication towards me and the students of UdK provided a crucial support for me during a time of transition, when I was discovering my own purpose and voice as a musician. As a brilliant and generous mentor, I am certain she will inspire and make an indelible impact on the students who will have the privilege to work with her.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Johnna Wu', with a stylized, flowing script.

Johnna Wu