



Friday, April 17, 2009

Jim Duran Trio
11536 Cedarcliffe Dr.
Austin, TX 78750

Dear Jim Duran Trio,

On behalf of the Association of Rice Alumni, thank you for your musical services at our event on Tuesday, April 7. We appreciated the professionalism and flexibility you showed when working with us to make the event run smoothly. The music you chose was very appropriate for our event and it made our guests feel welcome and excited to be at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

Also, it was very kind of you to leave cds of your music for our guests to enjoy beyond the event. You were very courteous with your time as you arrived early to make sure things were in place and then you continued to play beyond your time limit for the enjoyment of our guests. Thanks again for your kindness and I would be happy to recommend you to anyone requiring music needs. Please feel free to use this letter as a reference to anyone pursuing your services.

Sincerely,

Annette Wemhoff
Assistant Director, Rice University Alumni Affairs

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STREET CAFE

I had Jim Duran of Dizzy Lizard Productions play during one of our brunches. He played perfectly for four hours straight through. He provided the atmosphere we were looking for and I received nothing but positive comments. I recommend Jim Duran as a reliable and professional musician to anyone looking to book jazz-influenced music for any event or occasion.

Brian Phillips

Restaurant Manager

Hilton Hotels Management

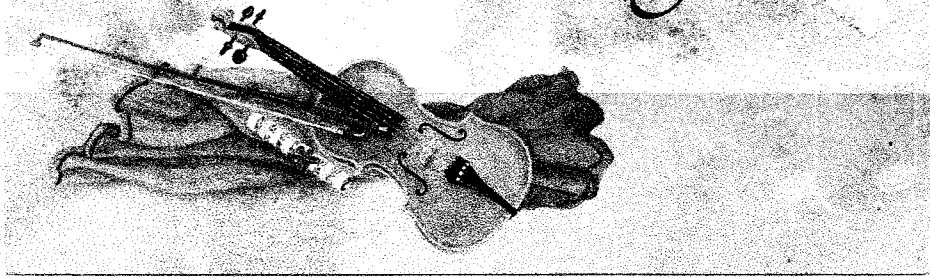
Doubletree Guest Suites

303 West 15th Street

Austin TX 78701

As an event and wedding planner, I have had the pleasure of working with Jim Duran on several occasions. He was always professional and very pleasant to work with. I have the highest regard for him as an extremely talented pianist/musician. After each event, I received many magnificent compliments regarding the music. Jim and his music was a big part of the success of these events. I would highly recommend Jim and his musicians for any event. I look forward to working with him in the future. **(He's Superb!)** Janet Scherer, Certified Event and Wedding Planner, *Effortless Events*, 254-718-9079, E-mail: jascherer155@aol.com, www.effortlessevents.net

Thank You



Dear Jim,
On behalf of the Board of Governors and myself, I would like to thank you for your contribution of time and talent to TCT and the successful 2007 New Year's Eve Gala. Everyone had very positive comments regarding the music and musicians. You are a credit to your profession and our community. Never stop the music! You are appreciated. Thanks Bunches,

Janet Scherer
Gala Chair

To Whom It May Concern

Reference: Jim Duran & Dizzy Lizard

It has been our pleasure here at the Tokyo Steakhouse to have Dizzy Lizard perform for us on a regular basis. They have a unique sound which they express through their performances of finely crafted, and exciting, original compositions, mixed with a blend of some very energetic covers by some of today's top jazz artists.

For the very best in contemporary jazz and fusion, I highly recommend Dizzy Lizard to anyone who considers using jazz as a source of entertainment for their club, restaurant or private party.

*Phoenix Pai - Owner
Tokyo Steakhouse*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phoenix J. Pai". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

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April 10, 2006

This letter serves the purpose of a letter of recommendation for Jim Duran with Dizzy Lizard. Jim Duran and The Dizzy Lizard have played here at Manuel's Downtown and it is always a great pleasure to bring them in, not only because of the great music that they play, but also because Jim is a wonderful person to deal with. His music has certainly brought in more people to our Sunday Brunch. All in all a wonderful band to have in our establishment for our customers to enjoy and of course also to have to increase our business. We are very lucky to make Jim Duran part of Sunday Brunch family along with the many other local bands that play here at Manuel's.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mónica Ruiz', is written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned to the right of the typed name 'Mónica Ruiz'.

Mónica Ruiz
GM

Jim Duran

From: "Carl Cooper" <ccooper@rockdale.txed.net>
To: <Jim@dizzylizard.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2005 1:34 PM
Subject: Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to give my highest recommendation concerning the talent, dependability, and personal integrity of Jim Duran. As leader of the jazz trio Nice and Jazzy, I have led many musical performances with Mr. Duran on keyboard. He is the finest keyboard player I have worked with in my 45 years of experience. Jim plays any style-jazz, rock, country, standards with ease and proficiency. He also has written many of his own compositions, and also teaches keyboard to young, aspiring musicians. It is a pleasure and privilege to have performed with Mr. Duran for the past 15 years.

Carl Cooper
2902 Wickersham Drive
Temple, TX 76502 254 773 0619

5/31/2005

To prospective piano students:

Jim Duran has been teaching piano for several years and I recommend him to the students at Parmer Lane Elementary and to others looking for piano instruction. I do so on the basis that he is a fine pianist and composer, has had many satisfied students, and is a fine person. Two of Jim's children were students of mine here at Parmer Lane and he is a kind, supportive family man.

DeeAnne Paulson

**DeeAnne Paulson
Music Teacher
Parmer Lane Elementary
Austin, Texas**

NUEVO LEÓN

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To Whom It May Concern:

July 19, 2005

Ref: Jim Duran & Dizzy Lizard

Nuevo Leon Restaurant has a weekly music special guest during the summer months to maintain our level of business during the slow season. It was a privilege to have Jim and his band "Dizzy Lizard" play at our restaurant. For contemporary jazz or funky getting down music Dizzy Lizard is the best I have heard. My clientele is looking forward to hearing them again. These guys are the real deal here in the Austin music scene.

Kevin Ortiz
General Manager
Nuevo Leon Restaurant

Jim Duran

From: sstar [spencerstarnes@ev1.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 16, 2005 7:49 PM
To: Jim Duran
Subject: Re: paragraph

Very good. I like this record. Jim Duran's compositions/arrangements get right to the point. Nice grooves, controlled but energetic performances by all the players. Good stuff. I recommend checking out Jim Duran and Dizzylizard both live and on CD.

Spencer Starnes
Austin area jazz bassist

Jim Duran

From: "Eva Lindsey" <victory_grill@yahoo.com>
To: <jim@dizzylizard.com>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2005 2:45 PM
Subject: letter of reference

I am so impressed with Dizzy Lizard and Jim Duran. These artists performed at the Historic Victory Grill and were well received. They know the importance of Jazz as an artform. They truly know and love jazz and bring forth the best of this creative genre through performance. In other words...they're a great group. I'd have them at my place any time.

Eva Lindsey, Manage, Victory Grill
victory_grill@yahoo.com

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5/27/2005

June 16, 2005

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf The Texas Association of School Boards,
we would like to thank Mr. Duran once again for the tremendous job he did at our Texas Association of
School Board's Legislative Reception at the Capitol Marriott Hotel. We received numerous compliments
on our selection. Our guests were very impressed with his expertise on the piano.
I would highly recommend Mr. Duran. This will make three years that he has entertained at our
receptions. TASB certainly looks forward to engaging his services at our next reception.

Sincerely,

Janie Andrada
Administrative Assistant
Texas Association of School Boards



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May 7, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Jim Duran

We had the pleasure of working with Mr. Duran at the Texas Association of School Board's Legislative Reception in February at the Driskill Hotel.

We received numerous compliments on our selection of Mr. Duran. Our guests were very impressed with his expertise on the piano.

I would highly recommend Mr. Duran. TASB will certainly engage his services at our next reception.

Sincerely,

Martha Ware
Administrative Assistant
Texas Association of School Boards