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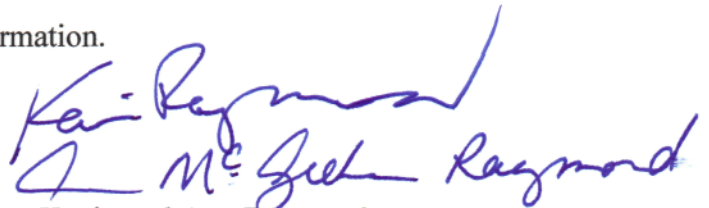
To Whom It May Concern:

Jim Duran of Pflugerville has taught piano to our children for over seven years. We have been extremely happy with his approach to music and teaching. He is very knowledgeable in classical and jazz music and theory. He has a steady and patient style which is very good with children.

Our teenage daughter has progressed and really gotten to love music with Mr. Duran's instruction. The background she gained in music theory helped open up other opportunities and experiences. She learned flute easily and joined high school marching band. She also joined her high school jazz band as a keyboard player. Most importantly, she has learned to appreciate and love a much greater variety of music than most young people typically might experience.

We have really enjoyed working with Mr. Duran over these years and would strongly recommend him as a teacher.

Please email me if you would like additional information.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am fifteen years old, and have been a student of Mr. Duran for eight years. Under his instruction, I have developed knowledge of music theory that would be hard to come by anywhere else. Although lessons are structured, and follow a progression that makes it easy to see how far I've come, I am always encouraged to play what I love. Piano lessons with Mr. Duran have given me a deeper appreciation of music. For additional questions, contact my parents.

Elizabeth Raymond

August 14, 2009

To future students,

We are indeed privileged to have found Mr. Jimmy Duran in the Pflugerville area. My eldest son began studying with Mr. Duran a while back. In a short time I witnessed my son's tremendous growth and development. This development came not only in the area of music, but in maturity and character as well.

Mr. Duran is an expert in his discipline. His remarkable proficiency goes far beyond teaching mechanical notes; *He teaches music*. In addition to this, his patients is unsurpassed allowing for a more relaxed ambiance.

I recommend Mr. Duran to anyone that wants a qualified teacher giving superb lessons. He loves what he does and transmits that in his teaching.

Sincerely,

Rachel Hilton, RN

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*

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