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To Whom It May Concern:

Elisabeth Pomès has been my teacher at the Royal Conservatory of Music for the last three and a half years. In this time, I have found Elisabeth to be an incredibly talented, knowledgeable, dedicated and giving teacher.

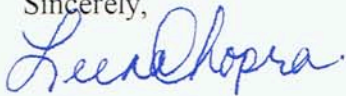
Elisabeth has a vast knowledge that she readily imparts with her students. Her extensive training in vocal studies as well as yoga make her a valuable asset for vocal technique, interpretation advice, and breathing and relaxation exercises. She is extremely focused in the lesson, and listens carefully to one's voice. She is also very creative and draws on her vast pool of experience in finding ways in which to solve difficulties or ameliorate passages. Elisabeth customizes each student's lesson according to his or her learning style and ability.

The fact that Elisabeth performs in addition to giving private lessons gives her teaching and suggestions yet another layer of expertise. She truly does understand the feelings of excitement and anxiety that one experiences in preparation for a concert or competition because she performs, records and takes voice lessons herself. She is a constantly evolving artist, and is so dedicated to ensuring that her students receive the absolute best of everything she can give.

Ms. Pomès goes above and beyond the duties one would expect of a voice teacher. She offers a variety of masterclasses and workshops to her students each semester, schedules regular studio concerts at both the Conservatory and other venues, and shares materials that enrich one's study of music, like recordings, articles, and books. Elisabeth keeps herself abreast of all the opportunities available to a young singer, such as summer music festivals, opera programs, competitions and scholarships.

In addition to being a fine musician and teacher, Elisabeth is a wonderfully warm and supportive person. Her encouragement and genuine interest in my voice and development have made a profound impact on my life.

Sincerely,



Leena Chopra