

# TNR

PRODUCTIONS INC



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# Our Services

## Event Planning and Coordination

- Full event planning (concept to execution)
- Budget management
- Timeline and schedule creation
- Vendor management
- On-site coordination during the event



## Venue Sourcing and Management

- Finding the right venue
- Venue booking and negotiations
- Venue setup and layout planning



## Event Design and Styling

- Theme development
- Decor (flowers, furniture, drapery, signage, etc.)
- Lighting and stage design
- Custom props and branding



## Entertainment and Activities

- DJs, live bands, speakers
- MCs/hosts
- Special performances (dance, magic shows, etc.)
- Guest engagement activities (games, photo booths)



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# Audio-Visual (AV) and Technical Services

- Sound system setup
- Screens/projectors for presentations
- Lighting effects
- Livestreaming services



# Marketing and Promotion (for Public Events)

- Event branding
- Social media promotion
- Email invitations
- Ticketing platforms and registration websites



# Logistics and Rentals

- Transport and shuttles
- Equipment rentals (tables, chairs, tents, staging)
- Restroom rentals (for outdoor events)



# Guest Management

- RSVP handling
- VIP handling
- Seating arrangements
- Security and crowd control



# Bonus (for premium services):

- Sustainability Consulting (eco-friendly events)
- Event Insurance Assistance
- Custom Event App Development (for big conferences)



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# TNR

## PRODUCTIONS INC



Established by David Rapelje in 1992, TNR Production Inc is a Live Event Management and Production Services company offering a full array of production and event services. Our turn-key services include Event Design, Event Management and Talent Procurement. In 2005, TNR was presented with the Supplier of the Year Award by the Festivals and Events Niagara Organization for outstanding service to the Festival and Events Industry. TNR offers the full spectrum of event services ranging from customized high-end private events right up to full scale concerts and festivals. In addition to providing premier production management, TNR has developed a specialization in the following key areas:

- Talent Acquisition and Relations
- Brand Development
- Catering
- Consultation & Financial Forecasts
- Corporate Partnership Development
- Event Staffing
- Graphic Design
- Marketing, Promotion, Media Public Relations
- Photography & Videography
- Programming
- Security
- Personnel Management
- Social Media Marketing
- Sponsorship Development
- Ticketing & Distribution
- Tourism Development
- Venue Management



TNR Productions also provides consultation services in the following areas: objective surveys, feasibility studies, budgets, site inspections, critical paths, electrical, infrastructure, permitting, post event evaluations, analysis, volunteer appreciation.



# Supporting Documents

## Letters of Reference



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April 15, 2025

**Subject: Letter of Reference, David Rapelje, TNR Productions**

It is my sincere pleasure to provide this letter of reference for David Rapelje, owner of TNR Productions. David has been a valued and trusted vendor for the City of Port Colborne for many years, and his expertise in live entertainment production continues to enhance the cultural vibrancy of our community.

David's long-standing involvement with the Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival – now over two decades strong – has helped shape the event into a cornerstone of summer in Port Colborne. The Canal Days concert series at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park draws tens of thousands of attendees each year, thanks in large part to David's leadership, professionalism, and deep understanding of the live music industry. His relationships with top-tier entertainment agencies across Canada and the U.S. allow us to consistently present nationally recognized acts to our residents and visitors.

More recently, David has played a pivotal role in the success of our new Community Concert Series at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park, introduced to expand our community programming and provide free, family-friendly entertainment. David and the TNR Productions team have worked seamlessly with City staff to deliver a high-quality concert experience that appeals to a broad audience and showcases a variety of musical genres. His ability to coordinate with musicians, manage technical production, and ensure smooth event execution has made this initiative an immediate hit with the community.

David is an exceptional communicator and a true team player. He works collaboratively with our municipal staff, always approaching his role with professionalism, patience, and a problem-solving mindset. Whether it's advancing show logistics with artists, handling production on-site, or adapting quickly to unforeseen challenges, David brings calm and competence to every aspect of his work.

His attention to detail is second to none. From budgeting and artist negotiations to day-of execution and post-event evaluations, David is thorough, transparent, and efficient. He understands the importance of fiscal responsibility in the public sector and consistently delivers high-value results within budget.

In short, David Rapelje is more than a vendor—he is a trusted partner and an asset to our events team. His dedication, integrity, and passion for live music have helped elevate the City's cultural programming, and I look forward to continuing to work with him in the years ahead.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Jasmine Peazel-Graham  
Manager, Corporate Communications  
City of Port Colborne

*To provide an exceptional small-town experience in a big way.*



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November 13, 2006

Mr. Art Frank  
President  
Fallsview Casino Resort  
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Dear Art:

Just wanted you to know how much Joy and I enjoyed working last weekend at the Fallsview Casino. The venue is beautiful, the sound, I thought, was extraordinary and your personnel outstanding. In particular, Dave Rapelje did his usual great job of welcoming us and making sure the shows ran smoothly. I can't tell you how impressed I am with him. I wish all of our venues had someone like that. Thanks for inviting us, Art. We loved it.

My Best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Regis Philbin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Regis Philbin

cc: Clare Copeland

# THE FELDMAN AGENCY

November 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

To Whom it May Concern:

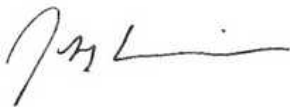
I am providing this letter of reference for Dave Rapelje having worked with him on many projects and initiatives. In my role as President of The Feldman Agency, I have known Dave for the more than 25 years, produced thousands of shows and special events at a very high level. Over that period of time I have had the great pleasure of working with Dave who has been, on numerous occasions our go to person for full scale event management, full service high end private function management, he has also coordinated the procurement of talent through our agency for numerous casinos, fairs, festivals and public events.

Dave was at the forefront of the casino industry expansion in Canada having opened the Avalon Ballroom at the Fallsview Casino, Niagara Falls, The Molson Centre at Casino New Brunswick and the Event Centre at the Grey Eagle Casino in Calgary from the ground floor up. In both cases Dave was able to effectively open both facilities and present a long list of world class entertainers to these markets. We have received complementary feedback from Artist Management about their acts experiences working with Dave and the teams he built in these venues. When Dave relocated to Moncton New Brunswick he was able to quickly assess the needs of the market and created several signature events. As well he worked to build good relationships with the local venues as well as building a very lucrative rental program for promoters and additional organizations. From this program the Canadian Olympic Committee engaged Dave in presenting their Annual Olympic Induction Gala and as well the first Heart and Stroke Foundation Red Dress Gala staged in the East Coast of Canada.

It is clear he understands many aspects of this business from procurement, production services, ticketing, marketing, to artist relations. He understands new build venues and how to get them from the build phase to the operational phase by working closed with key stakeholders, construction teams and architects in a collaborative way. Dave has a deep level of experience going back to when we first crossed paths in the programming he did on both campuses at Niagara College. One highlight over these many years is the great job Dave did for us when he managed a very high end event on our behalf entitled "Live To Tell – Sheryl Crow" held at the Angus Glen Golf course in support of The Odette Breast Cancer Centre at the Sunnybrook Hospital in conjunction with the Sunnybrook Foundation.

Dave has consistently displayed a high level of professionalism, strong organizational skills, creative problem solving, and a great attitude. He is a dependable leader and motivator in high stress situations. He is an experienced consummate professional in the work of live entertainment. We are supportive if Dave's future endeavors and hope that others have the same opportunity we have experienced.

Please feel free to contact me at the number provided if any further information is needed.



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## HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to express how impressed I was and grateful to have Dave Rapelje direct my Heart Truth Fashion Gala into the amazing event it is today. This event had come to a standstill after 2 years running. However in 2011, Dave helped me create something magical and exciting that will undoubtedly continue for years to come. When I arrived at Casino NB last year to look at the space they had for rent, I was overwhelmed by the possibilities after a discussion and meeting with Dave. From the onset, he explained to me how I could elevate my awareness event into more than just a fashion show, but an experience.

I do not have much experience with event planning as I am in the Communications field, however the Heart Truth Fashion Gala fell into my lap and I was expected to make something of it. So without the input and over and above details Dave provided for me, I most likely would have not had such a happy ending. Dave worked with my team to help develop a strong concept and theme for my event. He helped my team to think "outside the box" which added to such a wonderful audience experience. All of our already established event pieces he was able to fit into a new show format.

The most incredible aspect and the one that I was most impressed with, was the fact that Dave worked with his industry connections to add big production elements to my event at no cost. Now, being that I work for a non-profit organization with a small budget looking for a big impact, this helped us to raise so much awareness around our cause, and this was indispensable. During the actual evening of the event, Dave managed to work with our Heart Truth models that were not experienced and very nervous. He created a fun and interactive environment that put everyone at ease, and taught them basic "performing" skills that led to a fantastic outcome with our participating women involved. They essentially gained confidence that stole the show. He also helped me manage the talent that we hired "Jeannie Beker" in ensuring that her needs were met and she also had a wonderful experience. Once again this was above and beyond what I had paid him to do.

To sum up my experience with this facility, it was Dave who brought everything together, set me at ease and helped me around every corner. I would like to note that his compassionate side to our cause showed that he has strengths when it comes to being a community minded business person, and this is not something you see every day. I wish Dave the best of luck in his future endeavors; however I am confident that he does not need it. Dave is an individual, and I know that he would bring his life experiences to every situation and create success.

Sincerely,

Darcy LeBlanc

Director of Communications for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of NB

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# LUCKNOW'S MUSIC IN THE FIELDS®

November 3rd 2019

To Whom it May Concern:

As Chairman of the Music in the Fields Festival located in Lucknow, Ontario, Canada, it is a pleasure to provide the following reference for Dave Rapelje. In 2008 our Lucknow and District Kinsmen Club decided to take a step forward in our fund raising efforts by staging a Country Music Festival. We had previously staged smaller localized concerts which created the foundation for our desire to stage a full-scale concert. We quickly realized that we needed a level of expertise and industry experience to move our event to the next level. Our search for that expertise leads us to Dave Rapelje who was contracted as our Producer. After several meetings with Dave we realized that he was able to quickly define a critical path for our success. Like most promoters we wanted to jump into the market with a big splash and a great level of financial risk. Dave steered us into a five year plan with continually steps for growth to establish our Festival. There was a learning curve and Dave walked us through each of these transitional steps to year five. I am happy to say with Dave's involvement and the commitment of our 400+ volunteers we are planning and executing year 12 of our Festival. Situated at Graceland Festival Grounds, with camping space provided by local landowners, we offer a combined festival and camping experience. The event has grown from 1200 patrons in 2009 to over 8000 in recent years, supported by an expanding village of campers. Dave's guidance and vast skill set have helped us to donate back directly to support charities, hospitals, schools, local and regional projects that help keep small-town Ontario "small-town" but with a big town feel. I am proud to say in celebrating our 11th year, we've been able to donate in excess of 1.3 million dollars to organizations in need, and we share much of that success with Dave and the work he has done with us.

Having had the opportunity to speak with many of the touring professionals that visit our Festival site I can tell you that Dave is highly respected in the entertainment industry for his professionalism and for consistently running good shows. A testament to this is the long list of A level country super stars that Dave has been able to provide to headline our Festival including Blake Shelton, The Band Perry, Billy Currington, Brett Eldredge, Jake Owen, Lee Brice, Dierks Bentley, Big and Rich and Travis Tritt to name a few.

Dave has also assisted us in navigating the often complex task of entertainment procurement, artist protocol and the many aspects of running a great show. He has shown us many times how proper preparedness and planning results in success. This was evident a few years back when we as a team had to deal with a potential emergency weather situation. Dave worked with our team and the artist Tour Management to formulate a plan on how to deal with the situation based on best practices. The show was successful after some inclement weather, negation with the Tour Management and an agreed to plan.

Having now worked with Dave for 13 years I can say that he has demonstrated a strong skill set inclusive of the following:

- Strong ability to lead, direct, delegate, as well as daily management of the event
- A keen ability to organize and communicate. Dave is matter of fact around business and is open to sharing his thoughts and feelings on all matters of the Festival.
- There are a myriad of tasks in the execution of a live performance and Dave has a proven ability to prioritize and to provide clear direction to the finish line based on his experience.
- He has an exceptional ability to work with world class entertainers, providing easy and well organized days, and sending them home with a great experience.

We value what Dave has contributed to the 12 year history of our event and we look forward to working with him and his team of professionals in the years to come.



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May 15, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I have had to opportunity to work with production provided by TNR Productions during several of my live cooking demonstrations and appearances at local events. When I performed at the Niagara Food and Wine Classic the audience was presented with a unique experience as live cameras capture all of my techniques used during my demonstration and broadcasted those images to large plasma screens located through the venue. This in-house broadcast system was designed by TNR and made a big impact on the patrons attending the seminars.

Last year I did several presentations at the Niagara Food Festival in Welland. TNR Productions provided all the staging and audio for these demonstrations. I found the technicians to be professional and helpful in facilitating my performance. I look forward to working with TNR Productions again.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A Olson", is written over the word "Sincerely".

Anna Olson



Continental Entertainment

**Date 12-09-24**

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We have worked with Dave since we opened the doors at Continental Entertainment. Our artists have always received first class treatment when contracted by Dave and TNR Productions Inc. and the quality and level of events we have been a part of with TNR have always been consistently high. Dave's ability to manage all pre-performance technical, regulatory, contractual and logistical requirements with respect to our artists performance has been outstanding. Dave has showcased our performers on many of the prominent outdoor Niagara Festival Events and his on-site supervision has proven to be invaluable. TNR are recognized as a leader in the entertainment industry and as such have developed key relationships within the community which allow TNR the ability to meet and exceed the expectation of their clients while maintaining an outstanding level of service to our artists. Our talent arrives at performances and are received by professionals providing quality production, knowledge and understanding, all of which results in successful events, something Continental Entertainment wants to be a part of. If you're looking for experienced professionals, related added value services and a hands on approach, would suggest that you give Dave a call.

In my opinion, a big part of TNR's success is accredited to their reputation for integrity and the well deserved credibility they enjoy within both the buyer and talent circles.

Sincerely yours,

**Howie Turner**  
**COO**  
**Continental Entertainment**



September 20th, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Stephen Fischer and I am the Executive Director of the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation and the Creative Director of ILLuminAqua a unique blend of music, fire, and fountains all set on the waters of the Old Welland Canal. There is no other festival like this in Ontario and ILLuminAqua draws people from across the province. Live performances by award-winning artists take place on a floating stage surrounded by floating fire pods. Concert-goers gather round a waterside stone-stepped amphitheatre to take in the sights and sounds of Fire - Music - Water.

Since 2008 we have worked with Dave Rapelje and TNR Productions as our production supplier. Dave and TNR has grown with our event from the early stages where we would construct a steel frame table top stage cover on a barrage, to our current floating stage that we constructed. Dave's experience in live entertainment allowed him to provide important input into the construction of our permanent stage making solid recommendations, design input and forecasted projections.

Dave handles all the acts prior to their performances and provides a professional and detailed advance with each show and for each artist. This process has bridged a direct communication from artist management and production and allowed us to avoid many of the issues that come from handling this relationship in-house. Dave is our point person on production and we have received a great deal of feedback on the world class sound and lighting systems used to showcase our acts. Dave knows how to navigate the ins and outs of artists needs and wants and has a great ability to eliminate many of the unnecessary costs.

Dave's command of the production crew makes for smooth and seamless shows and ensures the artist have a great experience. Dave's background has allowed him to make many recommendation to put a "polish" on our program so that our guests leave with the desire to come back.

It is a huge undertaking to showcase these performances over the course of our season. Setting up the venue for a show takes a team of dedicate staff and knowing that Dave has production and talent compartmentalized for us gives me and my team the time required to focus on the overall operation of the events.

Dave is a go to guy and he gets the job done on budget and professionally. Dave has played a role in our success and we look forward to working with him as we continue to grow our programs on the Old Welland Canal. If you are staging and event I would strongly recommend you check out the "one stop shop" that Dave and TNR Productions offer. Dave and his team can execute all aspects of a show from start to finish which I have seen first-hand with ILLuminAqua.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**Stephen Fischer**  
*Executive Director, Welland Recreational Canal Corporation*  
*Creative Director, ILLuminAqua - The Waterway's Arts & Culture Series*

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Michael Williams  
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February 18, 2012

David Rapelje - TNR Productions Inc.  
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Dear David Rapelje:

It's been a while since we've seen one another. I hope all is well with you, and you future projects!

I wanted to personally thank you for sharing you knowledge in helping take Elite1MMA productions to a new level. You have opened my eyes on what can be accomplished and helped in getting the Elite1MMA brand known across the country at an outstanding rate. You gave me a new perspective on what we had as an event and showed me that the potential of taking it to a higher level was achievable. Your vision and skills as the Entertainment / Production manager at Casino N.B. was appreciated buy all of us. Your tremendous attention to detail was outstanding and the final product on the night of the fights showed the fans a very professional event.

I hope we can work together on other projects down the road. I highly recommend you for any jobs in the Entertainment/ Productions industry, your skills, experience and vision would be an asset to any organization in this industry.

Good luck in your future endeavors.

Keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Michael Williams



*Winter*  
**Festival of Lights**  
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Letter of Reference:  
Mr. David Rapelje  
TNR Productions

September 24, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

Over the past 10 years, Dave Rapelje of TNR Productions has been the CAA Winter Festival of Lights supplier for all production needs. From Galas, and major stage productions, award ceremonies, conferences as well as sourcing and managing talent, Dave has provided exceptional service.

He is a true professional, whose knowledge and experience has ensured quality entertainment and services for the various event needs of the CAA Winter Festival of Lights as well as other events I have been involved with. His experience and sources have guaranteed professional, entertaining shows and events with an added "WOW" factor. He comes to the table with creativity and attention to detail and strives to provide the best show for the budget established. His support team is always professional and flexible as new situations arise.

I am pleased to work with Dave as the years' progress, because he is a very important part of my team. He respects his work, his co-workers, his clients and his audience, always striving to bring the very best.

Dave is a pleasure to work with.  
Sincerely,

CAA WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heidi Werner", is positioned above the printed name.

Heidi Werner  
Manager – Events



July 31, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

Dave Rapelje is a valued and trusted part of my team and I would highly recommend him for any position you might be considering him for. He has managed the production and entertainment for the Friendship Festival for the past ten years.

Dave is a consummate professional who always goes above and beyond. He brings a high level of creativity to all the projects he works on. The production crew he brings with him is also very professional and highly skilled.

Dave is very reliable and great at solving problems when they do arise. In all the years I have worked with Dave, not once have I ever been called back stage to resolve an issue. I have been with venues in the past where problems were a regular occurrence so I know how lucky I am to have Dave to depend on.

Dave always delivers quality entertainment at the best possible price. He has great relationships within the entertainment industry. Our budget has decreased in recent years but he still manages to bring us amazing talent. I give him the parameters and budget and then turn him loose to do his magic. I often use Dave as a sounding board to bounce ideas off and he always has creative suggestions to offer.

I know Dave has worked on a wide variety of projects and I am sure he brings the same integrity and creativity to everything he touches. You can be confident if you hire Dave he will deliver great results for your event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy LeBlanc".

Tracy LeBlanc  
General Manager

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Monday, September 24, 2012

To Whom It May Concern

I had the pleasure of working with David at more than 50 events at Casino New Brunswick. During that time I observed a seasoned veteran in live entertainment production and venue management, driven to achieve perfection for every show. His passion for music, boxing and MMA is obvious in the enthusiasm he brings to making those events memorable and enjoyable for the audience, artists and athletes alike.

His expertise and ease in all areas of event production is remarkable. He truly is the "man behind the curtain" orchestrating everything from booking the talent to a smooth load-out and everything in between.

It wasn't uncommon to even see him pick up a microphone, literally from "behind the curtain" to be the "Voice of God" emceeing the shows when needed. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend David to produce any and all events or projects in the entertainment, gaming or sporting industry. He simply gets the job done, every single time.

Sincerely

Clayton Morrissey

**Principle/ Lead Photographer, Designer**

**Show-Stoppers.ca / Clayton Morrissey Corporate Photography**

To Whom It May Concern:

Prior to my recent engagement at the ROM I was the Director of Entertainment at Fallsview Casino & Resort, and prior to that I was Executive Producer at both Massey and Roy Thomson Halls.

During my tenure at Fallsview Casino I had the great pleasure of working with Dave Rapelje who managed all production for the Avalon Ballroom and various other venues throughout the property. Dave is the best all round production, stage, and theatre manager I have ever had the pleasure of working with in 25 years in the entertainment industry.

He is a consummate professional, a creative and knowledgeable stage craftsman, and a solid manger and leader of stage crews. His extensive experience and knowledge of stage production gives him a strong edge when it comes to dealing with touring shows and managing in-house production. He knows how to get the most out of the equipment and the people he has to work with and without any drama. His diplomatic skills are a huge asset in his dealing with touring artists who all sing his praise. We had every possible show play the Casino from arena rock bands such as INXS to crossover superstars like Andrea Bocelli , and over the course of 200 -300 shows I booked into the Avalon we never once had a problem with any show.

Dave is a totally dependable and trustworthy employee who goes far and above the call of duty to bring out the best in any production. His extensive work for charity events and worthy causes is another reason I consider him to be a solid citizen. You could not hire a smarter more dedicated and qualified individual than Dave Rapelje.

Sincerely,



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October 5, 2012

To Whom It May Concern

It is my pleasure to provide a letter of recommendation for David Rapelje. David has almost grown up with the College, graduating in 1987 from the Law and Security Administration Program and assuming a teaching and counselling position in 1993. He was Assistant to the Vice President of Student Life in 1994 on a special project titled Residence Review and Development, and was subsequently appointed General Manager of the Student Centres at Niagara College. I have known David for over 20 years and am very respectful of his work.

David's accomplishments at the College have been many, including the implementation of policies and procedures approved by the Student Council, the launch of the Niagara College Boxing Club, while also serving as Chair of Crime Stoppers-Niagara College and Chair of the Food for Friends Campaign, a program to assist needy students. Most importantly, David developed new ideas and initiatives to service the students and oversaw tremendous growth in the role of the Student Centres at the College during his ten-year involvement. David showed tremendous talent when organizing and managing orientation and entertainment events for starting and returning students and thus, became a highly valued member of the College community. His Student Council work was recognized when he was bestowed the national entertainment programming award in 2003 from the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities.

David is a high-energy and results-oriented team player who develops relationships throughout the organization at all levels to lead, encourage and assist. At the same time, he is a quiet, behind-the-scene dedicated individual well known for his quick turnaround time on projects. He has been actively involved in numerous events and special projects that have assisted the College in positioning itself as a leader and innovator in the Province of Ontario. He has demonstrated leadership abilities and recognizes the importance of developing a strong network of collaborative relationships. As such, he was able to secure significant groups for student entertainment events. He employs a "hands-on" and practical approach to his work and has the ability to work through the challenges associated with event planning.

In addition, David has maintained a strong commitment to our community at large and gives of his time on a number of projects and events that benefit the Niagara Region. David has been instrumental in helping the Niagara College Foundation to dramatically improve the entertainment level of its Annual Seafood Gala, which attracts about 600 business and community leaders, the profits of which are directed to student scholarships and bursaries. He has booked outstanding performers who have wowed the audience, and he recruited a talented musician to write and perform a special song for the Gala's 20th Anniversary. David also worked with Foundation staff and other graduates of the Broadcasting - Radio, Television and Film program, to put together a special video production for the opening of the Gala, which was extremely well received.

I am pleased to recommend David and would be delighted to provide any additional information you may require. I could be reached at 905.735.221 ext 4040 or by email at [dpatterson@niagaracollege.ca](mailto:dpatterson@niagaracollege.ca).

Sincerely,

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Dan Patterson, Ph.D.  
President