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I have had the distinct honor and pleasure to know Ms. Lynn Welters for over the past 45 years in the capacity of teacher, mentor, director, coach and leader. What I know is that she is an extraordinary woman. She has gift of changing lives that cannot be compared to by any other in existence. Not only does she maintain an expected level of excellence, she disciplines with nurturing and very, very personal care, bringing out the best in all her students.

Ms. Welters has taught worldwide and her persona is never one of arrogance or superiority. Thus she gains the respect and devotion of all who are privileged to study with her. She always saw the possibilities in her students before they even knew it existed. This made our possibilities limitless.

The many experiences she has garnered as a teacher have prepared her to be an asset to any organization, institution she is a part of or runs. At her school [New School of Dance & Arts] she maintains and demands a level of excellence in all of her classes and never crosses the line when she expresses her caring attitude or disdain with the work ethics of her students. Her nurturing care, love and respect for her students allowing them to strive to become great artists.

Ms. Welters is committed to not only teaching the discipline of dance but also educating minds, spirits and souls of the dancer, which makes her classes that much more exciting and joyous. She enriches the lives of many through her devotion, love and passion for the art of dance. The trips to *the museums, to see the Ballet, the books and movies* where all hands on experiences that enriched our lives daily. You not only grew as artists but as exceptional people.

It is this never ending tireless commitment of excellence from Ms. Welters that has her legacy spread across the globe by the numerous professional artists she has taught, groomed and nurtured into becoming elites in their field. It is the foundation she instills in us all from the beginning that has given us wings to soar and pass the torch.

Presentation was key as well. We not only became that which we studied, we also looked the part. Appearances meant everything especially knowing that we could be defined by that observation. She gave young girls the opportunity to feel like '*princesses*' and young boys to feel like '*kings*'. These were moments in time that gave you confidence, self-esteem and a lifetime of memories.

For this I say 'thank you' for showing me all my possibilities, strengths, weaknesses, joys and knowledge to be my best self. I am forever grateful for your unconditional love and guidance and continued support. You and the New School of Dance & Arts have our full endorsement as a school of excellence.

Sincerely,

Kim Y. Bears-Bailey