Musical Escapades Through Italy TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

A letter of recommendation from applicant's private teacher is required as part of the application process for "Musical Escapades Through Italy". Thank you for your kind assistance in letting us know about your student!

Applications are due by December 1st, 2021. Please give your recommendation to the student directly or email to:

<u>Sharonrizzomts@gmail.com</u> or mail to:

Sharon Rizzo, Music Director, P.O. Box 71, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

The letter should address the following points:

- Student's musical and personal strengths
- Student's maturity, independence, and ability to act responsibly in both musical and nonmusical settings
- Do you think this student should be considered for a feature role? ie. A Baroque concerto or double concerto? Do you think this student should be considered for a piece of chamber music such as a quartet or trio sonata? Please comment on student's ensemble skills, and experience in both chamber music and solo performance.
- Music should be learned to a high level prior to arriving in Italy, as performances begin within several days of arrival. A minimum of 8 to 12 concerts are planned throughout the 3 week program. Please comment on the student's practice habits, ability, willingness and responsibility in learning music independently and arriving prepared.
- Please comment on any area either musically or socially that this student may need to improve.
- Student's sight reading ability
- As the private teacher, please include any musical goals you have for the applicant.

For more information about Musical Escapades Through Italy, please visit the MTSC Website: www.mountaintopstrings.org

Please feel free to contact director Sharon Rizzo at 909.744.7598 or email <u>sharonrizzomts@gmail.com</u>.

Thank you for your time in writing this recommendation.