

Letter of recommendation

Dear Sir or Madam,

my name is Christiane Theobald. Since 2004, I have been Executive Vice President at Staatsballet Berlin under the Berlin Oper Foundation. Staatsballet Berlin is now one of the leading European ballet companies, led by Vladimir Malakhov.

By 2008 Staatsballet Berlin had the pleasure of inviting Karina Elver as guest teacher and lecturer in the International Dance Summit on Staatsballet Berlin. International Dance Summit is held every other year and involves a series of carefully selected and highly esteemed artists and ballet experts.

Karina Elvers teaching takes place at very high international level, and also she holds exceptional teaching abilities. In a personal and unique way she manages to convey her great expertise and extraordinary skills within the famous Bournonville balletstyle.

Her teaching in the Bournonville technique at the State Ballet Berlin was a great inspiration for the company dancers and her lecture demonstrations enjoyed great recognition from the audience, as well.

Karina Elver has acquired her knowledge and skills through her life-long training at the Royal Ballet in Copenhagen as well as through studies at a range of highly recognized ballet companies in Europe and USA.

Added to this, was the experience she got through the Royal Ballet's many tours around the world in particular to the U.S., China and Japan. In recent years she has acquired status as one of the few international Bournonville experts who have grown up with Bournonville tradition right from her earliest years.

I give my warmest recommendation to Karina Elver.

Staatsballet Berlin | Executive Vice President

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