



Professional Training Program

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm Edward Ellison, Founder and Artistic Director of Ellison Ballet- Professional Training Program in New York City. Founded in 2005, this award-winning school has developed a nation-wide reputation of excellence in classical ballet education. Our students have won numerous medals and prizes in international ballet competitions, and our graduates have received professional contracts with excellent ballet companies in the U.S. and internationally.

In 2012 I invited Ms. Elver to serve as guest faculty to stage August Bournonville's ballet "Le Conservatoire" for the Ellison Ballet Winter Showcase, which was a Fundraising Performance for Victims of Hurricane Sandy. I was fortunate to see other Bournonville's ballets staged by Ms. Elver for a number of U.S schools and companies in 2011 and was very impressed with the high-quality of her work. She is famous around the world for her successful stagings of Bournonville's ballets, and it was quite important to me to have her come to Ellison Ballet to teach it in its authenticity.

Ms. Elver's in-depth knowledge of the celebrated Danish choreographer's style and technique, not taught outside of her native Denmark, was essential for staging the above-mentioned ballet for our school. Her professionalism, expertise, dedication to her art, and love of passing her knowledge to our students was always evident. Her classes and rehearsals were precise and challenging, in her quest to help our students achieve a greater level of excellence in understanding and performing the particulars of Bournonville style. The two lead soloists Ms. Elver coached for "Le Conservatoire" embarked on a professional career, receiving company contracts in a very competitive job market for ballet artists.

She has undoubtedly enriched our school, and the American ballet world, with her Bournonville expertise and teaching talent, therefore it is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Ms. Karina Elver.

Sincerely,

Edward Ellison
Artistic Director