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Dear MTNA Studio Teacher Fellowship Award Committee,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Ms. Kristin Peters who is applying for the MarySue Harris Studio Teacher Fellowship.

Ms. Peters graduated Magna Cum Laude from Stephen F. Austin State University in the Spring 2013 semester with a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance with a Pedagogy Emphasis. She had an outstanding grade point average earning honors on both the Dean's List and the President's List.

I had the opportunity to work closely with Ms. Peters as she took three semesters of piano pedagogy with me and one semester of keyboard skills. What stood out to me was her commitment to the piano teaching profession which I rarely see in students that young. She took every assignment very seriously and always took extra care to not overlook any details to achieve the best results in her papers, presentations, teaching demonstrations, and other coursework. Ms. Peters is also very open-minded and not afraid to try something new to improve herself both as a musician and a professional teacher.

I had the pleasure to observe her teaching first-hand both in person and in numerous videos she recorded. Ms. Peters took criticism very well and always used it to make herself an even more effective educator. She has developed her diagnosis skills in addressing musical problems to a high level, and she always goes an extra mile to make the teaching environment pleasant and conducive for optimal learning. I was especially impressed with her ability to relate with young students and motivate them to perform musically and with enthusiasm. In the short time that she was here at SFA, Ms. Peters built up an impressive studio schedule of piano students both in Nacogdoches and in Lufkin.

After graduating from SFA, she has already built up a studio of over 40 students in a suburb just outside of Houston. Ms. Peters continues to also serve MTNA as the Festival Chairperson for her local TMTA association.

Given her success at Stephen F. Austin State University and beyond, I believe it would be a wise decision to award Kristin Peters the MarySue Harris Studio Teacher Fellowship as I know she will put the award to good use in order to improve the quality of her students' teaching environment and to continue to grow as a professional music educator.

Sincerely,

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