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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This recommendation letter follows a series of informative and educational performances by Irene Vasquez and Magical Rain Theaterworks during our National Hispanic Heritage Month activities at DePauw University.

I am delighted to recommend Magical Rain Theaterworks for future performances at other colleges or universities. Their colorful productions proved to be a thought provoking, insightful and creative look into the history of Hispano-American culture. It was my pleasure to work with them this past September as we coordinated their performances of "Performing Malinche", "The Curses of Malinche", "Making Giant Masks" and "Traditional Games from Costa Rica," on our campus. Through these interactions, I have gained special insight into the historical heritage of our Hispanic community as well as the passion that drives Magical Rain Theaterworks and, in particular, Irene Vasquez to do their work. Each of their performances provided faculty, staff and students with a unique cultural experience as well as information regarding the background of historical Hispanic, Latino, and Chicano figures.

I was especially thankful for Magical Rain Theaterworks' willingness to spend extra time answering students' questions and reflecting on the art of theater. Students who participated in the activities were impressed with the authenticity of these performers and consequently, learned a great deal about the Hispano-American culture and all of its diversity.

The caliber of these performers contributed immensely to DePauw University's Hispanic Heritage Month. The creativity, talent, passion, enthusiasm and knowledge for their art enlightened all who attended their performances. I highly recommend Magical Rain Theaterworks for a campus visit, particularly during Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 - October 15.

If you have any questions concerning my experience with Magical Rain Theaterworks please feel free to call me at (317) 658-4023.

Sincerely,

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