



November 27, 2001

To Whom it May Concern:

I am extraordinarily pleased to write in support of the candidacy of Dr. Zelia Chueke for a university-level teaching position in piano. Very quickly after her arrival here at the University of Miami School of Music to pursue a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Piano Performance, Dr. Chueke emerged as a performer of high quality, maturity, and unusual breadth. Although she certainly has excellent command of traditional piano literature, Dr. Chueke has an extraordinary interest and ability to interpret new music, an area of expertise that all too few pianists possess.

As her curriculum vitae demonstrates, Dr. Chueke has rather vast experience as a solo recitalist, performer of chamber music, orchestral soloist and collaborator. She has successfully pursued many special projects that require in-depth research and fine writing skills, in addition to high artistic standards. In addition, she has excellent communication skills and is a fine teacher. She will be a valued addition to the faculty of any music school/department.

I am pleased to recommend Dr. Chueke without any reservations whatsoever.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Hipp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

William Hipp
Dean
Patricia L. Frost Professor of Music

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