

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Seth Panitch for his outstanding commitment to teaching at the University of Alabama and beyond its campus boundaries as well.

I am a graduate of the University of Alabama and I had the privilege of being instructed by Professor Panitch for four years in the Department of Theatre and Dance. I do not believe that there is another professor that I encountered in my years at UA to whom I could be more grateful or in debt than this man for his fine tutelage. Theatre was something I had participated in and prized above all other activities during my adolescence and thus there was never a doubt that I wanted to pursue it professionally when I graduated high school and moved on to other training programs. When I got to UA I was eager about beginning my training there and, up to that point, had never had official acting coaching apart from the community and high school productions in which I had been a part. Needless to say, I was lost. I was lucky enough to take Professor Panitch's Acting 2 class in my freshman year and from then on my outlook on this art form completely changed. Under Panitch's guidance I was able to access emotions and techniques that I had never even thought to explore. One exercise I remember in particular (and one that I still use today) from Professor Panitch's class is using music as a connective guide to a scene. The outcome of this training was unreal: a completely new level of awareness of surroundings and characters that I would never had been able to access without the help of Mr. Panitch.

More importantly, Seth instilled in me the importance of **professionalism and hard work**, which has transcended every technique I could have learned, and also the one that I hold most valuable. There are literally millions of hopefuls yearning to be actors and actresses and without diligence it would be extremely easy to fall by the wayside. Professor Panitch developed this quality in me every day for four years and it is **almost solely due to this, that, less than a year after departure from his lessons at UA, I have performed a leading role in the Broadway National tour of *Oklahoma!*, co-starred on the new hit CBS series *Blue Bloods* starring Tom Selleck and Donnie Wahlburg, and guest starred for three episodes on the TBS sitcom *Are We There Yet?***

**I know that without Seth Panitch's guidance I would not have had the skills and dedication I needed to perform these amazing accomplishments in such a short time.** I am truly grateful to this man. Seth Panitch is an amazing confidant to his students; however, he is an even greater instructor. It is my honor to recommend Professor Panitch for outstanding commitment to teaching at the University of Alabama.

Sincerely,

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