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Promotions Committee
USC Thornton School of Music
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0851

Dear Committee Members,

It is my pleasure to write in support of Brian King's candidacy for promotion to the rank of Associate Professor.

As you may know, Berklee College of Music is the only institution in the world offering a Bachelor of Music Degree in Film Scoring. Students who graduate here and who wish to continue their studies receive one recommendation from us: USC's Scoring for Motion Pictures and Television Program.

Over the past 9 years, Brian King has advanced the reputation of the Thornton School of Music, and the SMP-TV Program in particular, through visionary planning, smart staffing, effective industry collaboration, and thoughtful management. Creating and maintaining an academic program that also prepares graduating students for entry into a rapidly evolving industry is no simple task. Artistic development, narrative awareness, technological training, and practical experience all must be balanced. Proof that Brian has managed to do this well is reflected not only in the reputation of the program but also in the success of the many graduates who are working in the industry. You have every reason to be proud of this innovative program.

It is a personal pleasure for me to have worked and studied with many of the faculty members in your program. They represent excellence in their fields, and their industry experience brings credibility and strength to the program. Their combined years of service in the department speak to the respect and admiration they hold for Brian and his successful efforts to offer a worthy program to your students.

For these reasons, I respectfully and fully endorse Brian's candidacy for promotion.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

(sent via email)

Daniel Carlin
Chair, Film Scoring Department