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To Whom It May Concern

I, Gilles DENIZOT, General Director of OperaLab (Europe, New York City, India) have had the privilege to know Mr. Mohammed Haroon SHAH for the past 6 years.

Mr. Shah has been singing professionally since the age of 12 and has given over 100 live vocal performances in Mumbai, Lucknow, Bangalore, Chennai, Jaipur, Dubai and many other places in and outside India. He has accompanied renowned Indian singers such as Shankar Mahadevan, Shreya Ghoshal. Mr. Shah was selected to perform opera for BRICS in Russia in 2015. He has also recorded several original vocal solo pieces under the direction of accomplished composers in India, and done a considerable amount of work with South Indian film music directors.

Based on his talent and extensive professional activities as a singer since 2002, I accepted Mr. Shah into my Specialist Vocal Performance (SVP) programme at KM Music Conservatory, Chennai. This high-level course focused on crafting the skills of selected, extremely-talented performers for the Indian music industry. As such, Mr. Shah distinguished himself in productions for, and by AR Rahman. Mr. Shah was featured as a soloist in #ItsComplicated, a 2014 opera production I directed in Chennai. Mr. Shah successfully completed the SVP course in 2016, with Merit.

This most enjoyable and loyal collaboration naturally expanded into training Mr. Shah in the art of teaching, choosing him as a disciple and sharing teaching activities in the India-based OperaLab studios. I furthermore invited Mr. Shah to conduct upcoming Masterclasses at OperaLab Europe, with a series of concerts to promote Indian music in the West.

Mister Shah has proven himself to be a committed and highly motivated colleague. His musicality and knowledge allows him to be an exceptional performer and teacher. His devotion to music will make India proud and, I hope, offer him the unconditional support he deserves.

I can therefore wholeheartedly recommend Mister Mohammed Haroon Shah to you.

Sincerely yours,



Gilles DENIZOT