

## American Singers' Opera Project INC. of North Carolina

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend to you Nicoletta Olivieri.

I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Olivieri as a coach and accompanist at the Arena di Verona. She has a encyclopedic knowledge of the opera repertoire and has also worked in many of the most important Italian theatres. In my career I have worked all over the world with many pianists and it is rare to find a one so sensitive to the needs of the artist yet at the same time fully aware of the traditions of the music at hand. Ms. Olivieri both encourages and empowers the artists she works with to be the very best that they can be. She has a way of working with our artists, both with diction and music, which helps them achieve a very high level of performance in a very short time. I have also worked with many Italian coaches, but rarely have I worked with a coach who explains the ins and outs of Italian pronunciation so clearly and precisely. She is, quite simply, the best of the best and would be an asset to any program.

Sincerely,

Barbara DeMaio Caprilli Director, ASOP NC

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