

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Malcolm Smith, I am a filmmaker based in New York City and co-founder of the creative team, *Lenox Letters*. I had the pleasure of working with Derek Fox as his director on a web series in October 2023. Derek is a skilled leader. After our first meeting, I could tell he was an ambitious, talented, and focused artist.

I reached out to Derek in a last minute crunch to cast an integral role in the series. He received the script less than 24 hours before filming and he was able to successfully take on that responsibility in that limited amount of time. He was poised, present and most importantly, off book.

The energy Derek brought to set was infectious and vibrant. He proved to be a great asset to the room and would be a great asset on any set he worked on. Derek is a giving artist and thoughtful person who made the cast and crew feel equally comfortable to work with him. He took on his role as the character with consideration, professionalism, and care. He was flexible and reliable with memorizing and mastering the very dense text as a political pundit. He exuded creativity, patience, and originality throughout the filming. He was on time and met every direction with great effort.

Derek is a self-starter. He came up with artistic ideas and expressed them. He would also ask questions for clarity and expressiveness and show that he conveyed understanding of the answers. Being a good actor and making a good project is clearly important to him. He is dependable and has my highest recommendation.

Yours faithfully,

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