

July 12, 2013

Whom it may concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my formal recommendation for Mahla Shapiro. In 2010, I had the privilege of supervising Mahla during her employment contract as an Education Assistant for Spadina Museum, which is part of the City of Toronto's Culture Division. In this position she worked as a member of a three-person team responsible for the creation, organization and delivery of all summer programming for children and youth ages five to 15.

The two week Art & Drama sessions were the most challenging for the Education Assistants to develop and facilitate. Working with the time period of the museum restoration, they devised and planned a number of projects and workshops that culminated in an Art show and Drama production at the end of the session. Mahla's experience in various art mediums and her teaching skills added greatly to the creative nature of, and overall success of our programs.

As part of the three person team, Mahla planned and escorted 20 of our senior Art & Drama campers on an excursion to see the exhibit "Drama and Desire" at the Art Gallery of Ontario. This was a great experience for all the campers and tied in seamlessly with the themes of the program. They also had a chance to explore Group of Seven art works at the AGO and Mahla with her colleague led an activity inspired by Picasso and Cubism.

While working at Spadina Museum, Mahla demonstrated compassion, perception, flexibility and commitment in her role as Education Assistant.

I would be happy to discuss further Mahla's many contributions during her employment with Spadina Museum. Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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