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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

ALEKSEI TAKENOUCHI

I have known Aleksei Takenouchi since 1965 and have followed his musical development and career with great interest. From being a talented young boy, he has matured to become a serious and a highly cultured musician.

His playing is characterized by refined sensitivity, fine architectural conception of music, and wide sense of tone coloring. He always manages to bring fresh ideas to the music he plays and always performs with emotion. It is always interesting and gratifying to listen to his performances. His repertoire is broad, ranging from classics to many 20th-century works, and also encompasses less played works, such as Codovsky's extremely difficult transcriptions of Chopin's Etudes or Moritz Rosenthal's transcriptions of Strauss' waltzes. Aleksei Takenouchi has given recitals since 1975 and has received continually good press reviews from around the world. He is a highly individual pianist with musical integrity.

Yours sincerely,


(LAZAR HERMAN)