



To Whom it May Concern:

I hired Ben Liebert to direct *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* at Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT) after years of knowing Ben as an accomplished actor and a peer. Having a breadth of experience in theatre does not always a good director make but in Ben's case, it certainly does. GVT operates under a LOA in reference to LORT AEA agreement along with USA and SDC Tier 1-3 contracts.

As with all his work, Ben came in with a clear point of view for the piece that breathed ingenuity into the world of the play. His conceit of seeing love as a game and setting it in the world of game pieces and boards, informed all aspects of the production from performance to design, and even our marketing strategies. Where many such conceits seem strong but are abandoned soon into a show, Ben meticulously sculpted this idea and carried it through from beginning to end. This brought elements of fun and surprise to the performance keeping our audience engaged, playing the game alongside the characters.

From the onset, Ben received high praise from the cast for his supportive demeanor in the rehearsal room, preparation, flexibility, and approach to the material. His frequent and clear communication with the stage management team, designers, and crew made our process easy, simple, and rewarding. In our communication, Ben was a great collaborator and received my constructive criticism not as notes to be checked off but as an exciting challenge to improve his work. He always engaged in thoughtful and meaningful conversation to benefit the play.

Here at GVT we focus on bringing in good-hearted people who do great work and collaborate well with others. Truly, I must highly recommend Ben as a director. He has a great balance of talent and communication. He focuses on the macro and micro of production to successfully tell the most captivating and entertaining story. He brings humor, levity, and joy into all spaces that he inhabits. Without a doubt I look forward to working with him again and encourage you to do the same.

Sincerely,

Matthew Scott Campbell
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