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Harvey Heilbrun
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To Whom It May Concern::

Re: Harvey Heilbrun

Harvey Heilbrun was one of our featured Storytellers at the Palmer Schools 41st Annual Storytelling Festival in 2006.

I had heard about Harvey's abilities and sought him out at an event some months prior to our Festival and was so delighted with his performance, we booked on the spot.

I would certainly recommend Mr. Heilbrun for most any storytelling program.

Should you need or would like more information, please feel free to email me at dwilson@liu.edu.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Wilson, Chair, Storytelling Festival
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Mr. Louis P. Parrinello
Principal

May 20, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Harvey Heilbrun, a talented, engaging singer/storyteller I have worked with since September of 2004. On one of the first occasions I formally met Harvey, we were discussing the origins of a particular song by Woody Guthrie. Harvey disappeared into a room, coming out a few moments later with guitar in hand, signing the verses in a heartfelt voice. A crowd quickly gathered to hear him share his gifts.

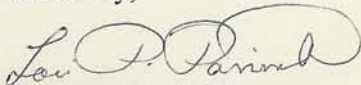
Much of what Harvey does is analogous to this. His calm, matter-of-fact manner compliments the brilliance he has demonstrated time and time again during both small and large group performances. Each year at Halloween, my students look forward to being gripped by his stories as the characters come alive through Harvey's engaging style and thoughtful choice of captivating tales. On a few moments notice, Harvey can lead an entire school in an assembly of song or storytelling. If I am ever out of the building, I count on Harvey to ensure all students are both engaged for an assembly and leave with a positive experience they joyfully share with others. For our monthly school-wide assemblies, Harvey similarly enriches the gathering, opening and closing each one with charming songs.

His expertise spans generations; Harvey has presented to groups with both youngsters and those of great-grandparent age, with all becoming enchanted with his storytelling ability. Harvey's eclectic nature pulls material from various sources, including his own engaging writing. Readily adapting to the needs of students, he can craft a program to meet the needs of a particular school, class, or individual.

In short, I believe Harvey will be successful in whatever endeavor he undertakes. It is without hesitation that I recommend Harvey Heilbrun to present under the BOCES Arts in Education program. His expertise will compliment classroom instruction while enriching the cultural experience for students and staff alike.

If you have any questions, or need further information on Harvey's expertise, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Louis P. Parrinello
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May 21, 2006

To whom it may concern:

Harvey Heilbrun is a talented storyteller who has the ability to captivate audiences both young and old. His tales come from traditional folklore as well as from contemporary picture books. His collection of stories includes many tales with a twist, which audiences find particularly satisfying. Harvey is also a talented musician and he will sing along and play guitar to enhance his show.

His performances at the library include a Halloween storytelling event and participation in a storytelling contest for elementary students. Harvey was instrumental in making this event fun and exciting for the students. His interest in the art of storytelling is apparent and his concerts will inspire listeners to experiment with telling their own tales.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Blend". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lori Blend
Head of Children's Services

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Re: Recommendation for Harvey Heilbrun

To Whom It May Concern:

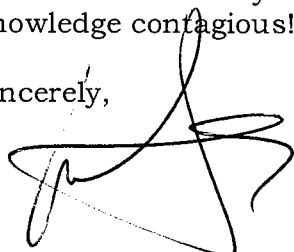
It is my great pleasure to write a recommendation for my friend and colleague Harvey Heilbrun. I have known Harvey for more than 30 years, including twelve spent as teaching teammates in the Shoreham-Wading River Schools.

Harvey's broad knowledge in science, genealogy, music (folk instruments in particular) and literature has always enabled him to enrich learning activities in the classroom. Whether it was illuminating a Halloween literature and poetry unit by telling ghost stories or singing scary songs, or enhancing a westward expansion unit by teaching folk songs of the era, Harvey's ability to engage children through storytelling and music increased their understanding and appreciation of the content. He also used storytelling as a way to give children performance experience – the ability and confidence to be in front of a group, telling a story that you've memorized and practiced – and an appreciation for oral traditions.

Harvey has always been a "pied piper" of sorts. Because of his music and storytelling skills, his sense of humor and infectious laughter, and his participation in a variety of youth sports, children naturally gravitate to him. I was fortunate to observe this over many years, as a colleague and friend. In addition to working collaboratively as teachers, I saw his caring for children and ability to engage them in many kinds of settings as we raised our own children and celebrated birthdays, Halloween parties and other special events as families together.

I recommend Harvey to you without reservation. You will find his energy, enthusiasm and knowledge contagious! If you have need for further information, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,



William Silver, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

To: Storytelling Event Directors
From: Deborah Gurriere
Date: April 20, 2007
Re: Harvey Heilbrun

It is with pleasure that I recommend to you my colleague, Harvey Heilbrun. I came to know Harvey through our attendance at Long Island Storytelling Network meetings and events. As a professional storyteller, I find Harvey to be talented, knowledgeable, and well-prepared in his presentations. His background as a classroom teacher and teacher of the gifted and talented student population qualifies him to select age appropriate materials. The delivery of his story programs is relaxed and entertaining for all ages. Audiences are immediately drawn to his tales through his mastery of music and voices.

You may contact me for any further information at 631-298-9787.

Sincerely,



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