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To: Whom It May Concern

Dear Sirs,

As president of the jury of the International Competition of Conductors in Besançon it was a great pleasure for me to award Mr. Groen as a winner in 1999.

During the competition it was obvious to the jury, that Mr. Groen is able to achieve a remarkable work with the orchestra regarding the sound as well as the kind of the interpretation of the pieces he conducted.

Now he regularly comes to me for guidance. For his projects and the study of the scores study he prepares thoroughly and he shows an exceptionally insight in the music.

For me it is a duty to recommend Mr. Groen and to support him in his further development as a conductor as much as I can.

Sincerely yours,



Claus Peter Flor
Generalmusikdirektor