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To Whom It May Concern,

Aminah Hughes and I have been colleagues for over twenty years. We have performed, written and worked together in various musical capacities. Aminah is an incredible songwriter, a fine vocalist and one of the best lyricists I have worked with.

In 2003, I hired Aminah as the lyricist for the Perth Festival of Choirs festival finale. I have continued to hire her as a vocalist on a range of projects, including television series *Who Do You Think You Are?*, documentary *Dying to Live* and highly anticipated computer game, *Battlestar Galactica: Deadlock*. I scored two arrangements for her album *Blue Wooden Boat*, for strings and voices respectively, and it was a pleasure to hear the results when she returned from recording in Ireland and America.

In all of my dealings with Aminah, I have found her to be highly professional in her work ethic and practice. She is a determined and outstanding artist and performer who is able to tease the emotions out of her audience, often bringing them to tears. I have witnessed her progression over the years from local WA songwriter to international artist, gracing the stage and recording studio with phenomenal musicians such as Tommy Emmanuel, Shane Howard Jimmy Little, Steve Wickham Declan O'Rourke, Tim Carter and The McCrary Sisters. Her debut album was an exciting project that involved collaborations with musicians of the highest calibre and which has met Aminah's exceptional recording standards.

Aminah's new project, *Daughter of the Southern Cross*, is an innovative collection of works that examine issues of contemporary Australia, while experimenting with cross-pollination of genres.

Aminah is deserving of any recording support. I am pleased to endorse this project and her recent foray into working with exceptional jazz musicians, which promises to take her musical explorations to new heights.

Kindest regards,

Ash Gibson Greig

*Whiteley, Blue, Battlestar Galactica: Deadlock, Family Rules, Shaun Micallef: Stairway to Heaven, Who Do You Think You Are? Series 1-7, Monash & Me, Drain the Oceans, Dream House, The War That Changed Us, Comic Book Heroes, Desert War, Yagan, Jandamarra's War, Death of the Megabeasts, Picnic at Hanging Rock (Malthouse Theatre), Frackman.*

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