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To Whom It May Concern:

I am Dr. Leon Burke, III, the Music Director of the University City (MO) Symphony and the Alton (IL) Symphony. This letter is to recommend Avguste Antonov to you as a piano soloist. He recently performed as piano soloist for the Ravel G Major Concerto with the Alton Symphony under my direction.

Avguste is an easy guest artist. He arrived well-prepared, played brilliantly, and musically. My orchestra called him a great colleague and enjoyed our collaboration. He has the capability to work with non-professionals as well as professionals to make wonderful music. He can play with abandon and he can play with careful control: a solid player. It is no wonder that he spends a lot of his efforts in playing the demanding music of living composers.

He is so easy to work with that I have engaged him to give a concerto premiere with the University City Symphony in 2014. Based on my experience, I recommend Avguste as a soloist for any concerto opportunity with orchestras both professional and non-professional.

We look forward to his return to the St. Louis area and after you engage him, you will look forward to his re-engagement too.

Sincerely,

Dr Leon Burke, III
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