

August 21, 2013

RE: "Letter of Recommendation for Christopher C. Odom"

To Whom It May Concern:

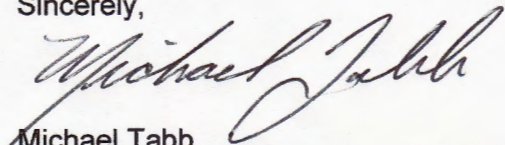
I am writing to impress upon you the quality of educator you have applying to work for you. I have the honor and privilege of knowing Christopher C. Odom since our college days at University of California, Los Angeles in the 1990s, and we work together today as a full-time educators in the MFA Creative Writing program at Full Sail University. Full Sail University is a strictly entertainment career based college, with emphasis on film, television, and recording arts. I recommend Mr. Odom from the perspective of personally having been a working Hollywood professional for close to 15 years, a current, active member of the Writers' Guild of America, West, and as a full-time teacher/lecturer on the entertainment industry.

Mr. Odom's 1) personal attributes, 2) education, and 3) experience add up to what I believe makes him an ideal instructor. I have known the applicant for almost twenty years, and I enjoy his company as well as turn to him for personal and professional advice. Mr. Odom is one of the most positive thinkers I know today and always advises from a place of integrity, fearlessness, and intelligence. He keeps policies, creates formulas for success, and never gets caught up in ego, personal politics, nor takes sides. There is always a smart way to handle a situation, and if I don't know what that is... Professor Odom would be one of the first people I would call. He gathers facts and inspires people into action with them. He has the brains and heart of a mentor, which are the personal attributes of a perfect educator.

Christopher comes from a family of educators and school administrators. It's in his blood. He treads that role with respect and always showed it to his teachers at UCLA, labeled repeatedly as one of the top film schools in the nation. I remember him taking them out to dinner just to pick their brains, because he had a thirst for knowledge along with a love of what teachers do. The second half of his education took place in the working world of real-life, entertainment industry experience. He has worked at major film studios, assisted A-List million-dollar Hollywood screenwriters, as well as personally produced and directed his own award-winning feature films.

In summary, I could not recommend an instructor with better personal and professional skills for any film-program teaching job than Christopher C. Odom. He is a wonderful, smart, thoughtful, constructive, well educated, career filmmaker, who teaches from experience and fearlessness. Please feel free to contact me should this recommendation leave with you any doubt about the man you are lucky to have offering his services to you. I seriously hate to lose him as a co-worker and on-hand consultant.

Sincerely,



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