

Kaimuki High School Performing Arts Center

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of Ramon Del Barrio, whom I have had the pleasure of working with for the last six months. Ramon came in to assist the choreographer with our production of “West Side Story” and with her dance classes this fall.

Kaimuki High School Performing Arts Center, is a learning center dedicated to the performing arts. We are hosted within the public school and are integrated into the curriculum and school day, with play production classes after the regular school hours. Funding allows us to hire professionals in the fields of Acting, Dance, technical theatre and music. Many of our kids are considered “at risk” and come from a low social economic background. We strive to give these kids opportunities and training that otherwise they would not be able to afford.

Ramon has been a wonderful opportunity for our students. Ramon has demonstrated a passion for dance and musical theatre that is infectious to even the least skilled of our students. His skill and ability to teach both the steps and the heart of the choreography is unparalleled. Ramon came in for our production of West Side Story and there was an immediate dance improvement and spirit with in the cast. When the cast first started working on dance, most of them could barely follow simple step progressions across the stage. By the time the show opened, they were dancing the original choreography of the mambo at tempo. Ramon inspired them to work hard, and get the feeling of the dance, and characters. I witnessed many times where there was peer teaching, incredible focus, and a new drive to perfection that I hadn’t seen before.

We are deeply sorry that Ramon will be leaving us; we will miss his energy, and dedication to dance and teaching. We hope that he will come back and work with our students again. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (808)733-4913.

Sincerely,



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