



Texas Wesleyan
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Tenure Committee for J. Austin Eyer

UTA Theatre Department

To Whom It May Concern,

On March 6, 2022 I had the pleasure of visiting with J. Austin Eyer and watching the matinee performance of 9 to 5. In my conversations with Professor Eyer he explained the challenges associated with the show, such as changing from a full production to a staged musical performance. If Professor Eyer had not told me that, I would have not necessarily been aware that the production was what we term a “staged” production. While the scenery background was static, the quality of the performers voices and dancing was very strong. I was impressed at how Professor Eyer could take “non-dancers” and by his choice of movement and choreography have them appear to be much stronger in their movement abilities. This was a large ensemble and worked like a well- oiled machine in how quickly the scene transitions would change locations without dropping a beat in the pace of the show. Professor Eyer seems to be a great “fit” for the Musical Theatre program at UTA due to his Equity status and professional experience and his passion to work with college students.

I will be candid, after talking to Professor Eyer and seeing the quality of the production and reviewing the courses a musical theatre major takes at UTA, I recommended a student that was considering Texas Wesleyan, to go to UTA for her musical theatre degree.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Allen Brown".

Joe Allen Brown

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