To Whom It May Concern

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David Clarke- Borstal Boy

I have known David in a professional and private capacity for approx. 5 years. I am the Artistic Director of the largest Community/ amateur theatre company in Europe producing over 30 productions per annum from 3 venues.

David is an able and dedicated actor and has a great empathy for his audience and their understanding of the roles he plays. As an actor he brings an open and yet creative mind to a part with a willingness to try out new and different approaches to characters he plays.

David is keen to pursue a Directing role and has attended our in House Directors course.

He brought to me a production which we are keen for him to develop. This is a new project called Borstal Boy which with some in house writers he has further developed.

His experience within our company will serve him well when this project is further developed. We have both attended meetings with the Arts Council who are also keen to see the project develop further. They can help, with us, in the marketing and initial showing of the production so that it is in excellent shape for a national tour.

The play is now fully developed and is already available in all 177 prison libraries with requests from HM Prison Service that a production is perhaps toured throughout the UK. With the largest Youth Offenders Institute at Aylesbury wishing to have the production booked asap.

Funding is now required to put together a touring set with costumes and technical equipment.

David has worked extremely hard in putting this production together and I wholeheartedly support the project as I have from day one.

Should you need any further information about this exciting project please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kevin Fraser Chairperson & Artistic Director