



March 16, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to have the opportunity to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Cliff Mendelson.

Mr. Mendelson has been employed at the Westchester Art Workshop, a visual arts division of SUNY, Westchester Community College, since Spring 1988, when he joined the faculty as a Ceramics Instructor. As Director for the Westchester Art Workshop I am responsible for this program, and have worked very closely with Mr. Mendelson during this time. Since his hiring he has been scheduled to teach Ceramics/Wheel Throwing each semester to students of all ages and skill levels, beginning through advanced.

Cliff Mendelson is an extremely talented artist and teacher. He excels as a teacher, having a patient and warm rapport with his students, and a gift at sharing his expertise and knowledge of his chosen medium. With a solid education in the subject, he is able to impart much information. His excellent class demonstrations greatly nourish his students' enthusiasm and interests. In addition to his knowledge and training, his high energy and ability to work creatively and effectively with others makes him an invaluable asset for any school situation.

In summary, I would think that the combination of artistry, work integrity, and dynamic energies as a professional artist and instructor, fully qualifies Mr. Mendelson as an outstanding candidate for any educational art program, believing that he would bring to it the same commitment and seriousness.

Without reservation, I wholeheartedly support Cliff Mendelson, and recommend that his application be given your fullest consideration. If you wish additional information, please feel free to call me at 914-684-0094.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Abre Chen', written in a cursive style.

Abre Chen
Director