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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my great pleasure to recommend Talia Shapir who worked for Animation Lab as an Animator for over a year (2007-2008). I was working as the producer of *The Wild Bunch* for Animation Lab. *The Wild Bunch* was a CGI film based on the story of a meadow that gets invaded by genetically modified corn. The main characters were a daisy, a rose, a clover and a turnip. We had some great designs for the characters but they had very complicated rigs.

Talia established herself early on as a talented animator who was able to interpret and realize the wishes of our director, Doug Wood. Doug was looking to create very naturalistic, very relatable characters and Talia was able to bring a humanity to the plants while retaining their "plant-ness."

Her scenes were always the ones we used for presentations. She has a good understanding of comic timing while always basing the comedy on something real. She gained the respect of the animation team and was sought out for advice and assistance by the other animators. She was very good at staying on schedule and delivering assignments on time.

Talia is a rare artist and any project would be lucky to have her participation.

Best regards,

Jim Ballantine

Producer, *The Wild Bunch*