



To whom it may concern,

January 16, 2023

I have had the pleasure of working with Lavender Grace over the past several years through my role as the new Executive Director of the Mendocino Film Festival.

During the MFF's 2022 season Lavender co-produced the first Native Cinema program with resounding success. In her work she demonstrated professional innovation coupled with ease and facility in bringing together diverse people and culture together to work for greater understanding within our community. The MFF board was so pleased with this program that it has voted to include it for every season moving forward. Lavender brought a huge amount of heart and passion to the project, as she does with everything she is involved in. I am so impressed with her tenacity, work ethic, and ability to work under pressured circumstances, even uplifting difficult people.

The MFF also supported the premiere of Bee RYL Productions short youth film "The Forest Grandmothers: Priscilla Hunter and Polly Girvin". This was a pilot project spearheaded by Lavender Grace as the founder of the Bee Bold Alliance. The goal is to use film as a medium for Regenerative Youth Leaders to share Mendocino County's work to renew the Earth.

I highly recommend the quality and integrity of Lavender Grace Cinnamon as a professional producer, artist and teacher.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Matano".

Angela Matano