



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

ANTHONY YOUNG
COUNCILMEMBER
DISTRICT 4

July 13, 2010

To whom it may concern:

It is with honor and great pleasure that I recommend NRG for any venue in which top-notch entertainment is paramount.

I have had the privilege to work with Mr. Andy Salmonsens and NRG for the past ten years. I have utilized their services with my fundraising and convention services work with Sharp HealthCare's Grossmont Hospital Foundation, Neighborhood House Association and the National Bar Association.

When producing Grossmont Hospital Foundation's annual gala fundraiser called, *Surrounded By Stars*, I was strictly working with recording industry performers such as Michael MacDonald, Robert Guillome, the Temptations and Crystal Gayle. When the economy started to take a downturn, it was decided to no longer hire such performers and seek local entertainment. We were introduced to NRG. This was a precarious situation due to the fact that our donors were accustomed to the recording industry performers. It was one of the best moves we made at the Foundation.

NRG is the band that has it all. Musical talent, song selection, strong sincere vocals and a great show! The musicians and performers are able to adapt to any crowd, and truly make my patrons feel like they were receiving a one-of-a-kind show. I have found this to be refreshing since, through my experience of both first-hand witnessing and research, discovered the other local major bands in San Diego had a cookie-cutter approach to their performances.

What is equally as important as the aspect of the musicianship is the professionalism of a business. Mr. Salmonsens has and continues to display the personal integrity and commitment of a top notch business team that ensures the level of support that one can count on. His balanced convictions in the entertainment industry reflect upon his unconditional work ethic. The only thing stronger than NRG's musical prowess is their professionalism.

In closing, my direct experience with NRG, from entertaining conventioners to headlining my gala that netted \$2.3 million, I would, without a hesitation, recommend NRG for your entertainment needs. Please feel free to contact me directly at (619) 236-6644 or (619) 788-2087 cell if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Benelia Santos-Hunter
Director of Scheduling & Special Projects
Office of Councilman Anthony Young
District Four, City of San Diego

AMBASSADOR RICHARD G. CAPEN, JR.

August 27, 1997

Dear Andy:

I just want to thank you for doing such a wonderful job performing at our wedding reception on August 9th. It turned out to be a perfect wedding for us, and you and the other band members played a large role in making it so.

I really appreciate how incredibly easy you were to work with. You all were, in fact, probably the easiest part of our wedding to coordinate (and the most reliable). We loved all of the music you played, from the jazz and instrumental at the beginning to the opening dance songs to the more mellow music during dinner to the dance music at the end. We really appreciated the fact that you played the appropriate music during each of the reception events, and we even liked the way you dressed (very classy)!!

We received tons of compliments on our first dance song, the Frank Sinatra, which you did such a good job on, especially since you only had a week to learn it!! The second song, *How Sweet It Is*, was done superbly as well. I hope you will add them both onto your song list.

You all have a lot of talent, both vocally and instrumentally. I wish you success in the future. We will highly recommend you. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Carrie ☺

Carrie Capen Hasler

Dearest + Andy
Kym +
NRG-

You shared an unforgettable
day of our lives with style
& grace. We'll never forget you
you're the best!

Liz + Anthony
Lumore



May 3, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to write this letter of recommendation for *NRG*.

We continue to be very impressed by this outstanding group of musicians and performers. Their work with us at our Miracle Makers Gala, at the Charity Ball and at several Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary events has been simply spectacular.

Perhaps most noteworthy is their attention and commitment to us as their client. Andy Salmonsens and *NRG* listen carefully to our thoughts and wishes, and then deliver above and beyond our hopes. Whether themes, music selection, choreography, special effects, costume or audience participation, *NRG* consistently exceeds our expectations.

Another outstanding capability of *NRG* is their ability to read an audience; to understand and build the emotion of a moment. Be it enhancing quiet reflection or keeping people revved up and dancing, they have an amazing talent to know just what to do at just the right moment.

We have enjoyed many magical evenings and many millions of dollars raised and recognized with *NRG* as our partner.

Our attendees give *NRG* the highest compliment . . . "Bring them back again, please!"

I recommend to all, without hesitation, the incredibly talented *NRG*.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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PAUL C. EDER, CPA, CLU, ChFC

Divisional Vice President
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Protective 

December 22, 1999

Dear Kymm and Andy:

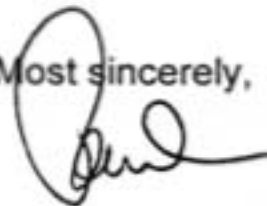
Thank you so much to you and NRG for the outstanding job you did in Maui. You and your performers were the biggest hit of our convention.

Our goal was to create a new and exciting experience. Thanks to your efforts we achieved that and more. Your performance on the "music under the stars" event was superb. They loved the soulful mix of jazz and blues that you performed. I seriously had at least 200 people that night say to me "this band is awesome – where did you ever find them." Your music struck a chord (no pun intended) with all ages. Kymm, you were so good at getting the audience involved. Also you were great with the children and they loved you. Thanks to NRG the evening was magical and no one wanted to leave.

Everyone was so excited that you were coming back for our gala night. Just when they thought it couldn't get any better it did! Wow, talk about high impact. The dance routines and rock 'n' roll and Motown sets were outstanding. You had everyone in the place on their feet and dancing. Not only were your performances incredible, but your ability to connect with the audience was uncanny.

Maui was our best convention ever. NRG now has 550 new lifelong fans. We owe a major part of our success to you. We are so excited about working with you on future programs. You are "simply the best."

Most sincerely,



Paul C. Eder

PCE/dcr

JOE LEONE
Director of Entertainment



January 11, 2002

Dear Kymm:

Now that the holidays are behind us and things have settled down a bit, I wanted to take the time to say thank you for your contribution in helping to make our guests have the most fun and wonderful New Year's Eve.

Our party went off without a hitch and was a raving success. You and everyone in NRG were a large contributor to the quality production our Golden Nugget customers have come to expect.

We and our Casino Marketing customers enjoyed having you to help us bring in the New Year. Again, please accept our sincere thank you for a job well done.

Sincerely,



Joe Leone
Dir. Of Entertainment

July 13, 2010

Dear Melissa and NRG,

I wanted to send you a quick note to thank you for helping to make my wedding so much fun. It has been a month and half since my wedding, and people are still talking about how amazing the band and the music were during the reception. I enjoyed working with you, as you are very organized and thought of every detail to make sure the timeline of how I wanted everything to go was perfect—and it was perfect! Kymm did a great job emceeing the evening, and everyone in the band had great energy and played to the crowd. Whether they were playing the Black Eyed Peas or the Beatles, the music was fantastic, and the dance floor was not empty for the entire 4 hours NRG played. I can't thank you all enough for all of the hard work to make my wedding day so seamless.

If you have any brides that would like to speak to someone who has had NRG play at their wedding, I would be happy to speak to them and let them know what an amazing job you and the band did.

Thank you again!!

Best,

Colette (Walter) Hayes

colettelwalter@gmail.com

Dear Kymm and NRG,

James and I wanted to take this opportunity to express to you, again, how impressed we were with your performance at our wedding. We had a fantastic time, and our guests did as well. As I mentioned to Kymm when we first met, the music was one of the two most important aspects of our wedding planning. We have a family with a large interest in dancing, and so we were looking for a great band. You surpassed our expectations!!

We were so grateful that you were able to construct a package that could meet our budget. And the opportunity to see you play live before we booked you sealed our decision. The planning and organization for the actual day went very smoothly. And once the big day came, the energy and enthusiasm of each band member was infectious. You all looked like you were having so much fun on stage. And the flow of the event went as planned so we never missed a beat. The quality of your sound was incredible, and we've been receiving compliments on your behalf ever since.

Thank you for being such an integral part of making our wedding day so memorable. We look forward to seeing you perform again in the future.

Keren and James
karkin96@yahoo.com



I have been working with NRG Music and Productions for the last 10 years in many capacities. Most recently, NRG performed for the fifth time at our National Dance Competition. As director of events and president of Hollywood Connection, I truly appreciate their professionalism. NRG created a show that was not only kid friendly but entertaining for parents and families with an ages ranging from 7 to 70 years of age! The entire band was professional, well dressed, and courteous at all times.

Kymm Civette can take a small idea on paper and create a production that is spectacular, all the while paying close attention to budget. Her vision and creativity is stellar, her amazing voice and stage presence stops everyone in their tracks. She can read any room and know exactly what will get them on their feet. She is a magnet and can even get a room full of corporate suits on the dance floor in just minutes. Kymm is a truly gifted performer and entertainer and a joy to work with.

Musical director Andy Salmonsens can create a look and sound second to none. The musicians are impressive and engaging. The band is always well rehearsed and the shows flow seamlessly and effortlessly.

Melissa Giddings is amazing. The planning stage is very efficient and her replies are prompt. I am always greeted with a smile or a friendly voice on the other end of the phone. Melissa anticipates and addresses every detail. It 's such a pleasure to work with her and comforting to know we are always in good hands.

Together, Kymm, Andy and Melissa create events with the quality and integrity of a Broadway show for the client, with the feeling of delight and enthusiasm for the guests. NRG is the party your guests will always want to be a part of and will never want to leave.

We have booked NRG for the next three years. We look forward to working with NRG again and for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Rhineland
President and Director of Events
Hollywood Connection, Inc.

KYMM and all of N-R-G,

We just wanted to send N-R-G a HUGE thank you for all that you did to make our wedding on 9/25 such a success! In a nutshell you guys ROCKED! Since we've been back from our honeymoon the number one question has been "Where did you get that great band!" We had a blast and all of the guests enjoyed dancing the night away. Thank you so much for adding all of the extra touches and making it a day we will always look back fondly on. N-R-G was fantastic in every sense of the word. We wish you tons of success in the future that such a great band deserves. Keep up the good work and thanks again!

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Shelly and David
Murphy

THE SCOTTSDALE GROUP
MICHAEL J. PEDREIRA, CMP

Monday, May 18, 1998

Dear Kym & Andy:

Wow! is not enough. Fantastic doesn't give you justice. Super doesn't even come close. So what can I say other than a big "Thank You" for being the best, and providing "The Best" entertainment for the Danone Groupe in Cancun, Mexico this past week.

How can I forget the last evening with 160 men screaming for "one more", "five more", "ten more" after we exceeded the curfew at the hotel by one and a half hours. I have never had a group from all over the world beg more from band. You and your group are to be congratulated. My best description is you worked your asses off... you delivered everything you promised and more.

I don't know where we are going next year, possibly Sun City in South Africa, or Israel or where ever, but you can be sure you will be with us. I know I am going to need you in January in Tucson, and this summer in Saint Louis. As soon as I get the dates, you can be sure we will block the space.

I believe I have made two friends for life. Your both great people and I only wish the best for each of your and the rest of the group. I will keep you in my prayers that God will show you both the best path for you to use your wonderful talent.

Love & Peace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Pedreira".

April 27, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of working with Kymm Civette and Andy Salmonsens and NRG Music and Productions on four fundraisers, either as chairman or co-chairman. They are a pleasure to work with, creative and professional. No matter the theme of the event, Kymm and Andy add a dimension of entertainment that is unparalleled in the San Diego area. They work to make every event fresh, innovative and exciting.

I first worked with NRG in 2007 when I served as co-chair of the Jewel Ball. Under the direction of our chair, Kathryn Stephens, our organization created a modern art gallery. Kymm created an unforgettable cocktail hour reception, with musicians suspended over the swimming pool on a clear platform playing these incredible instruments and an opera singer for the call to dinner. Our guests danced the night away! Two weeks after that event, I called Kymm to talk about my theme, a 1920's Speakeasy. I know! My theme couldn't be more different but Kymm, Andy and I worked together to create a keystone cops cocktail hour call to dinner, a magical professional dance performance and unforgettable stage décor, complete with beautiful women on swings! The music was perfect. Everyone danced. What a night!

NRG is fantastic. Kymm and Andy are so fun to work with. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Caroline Nierenberg
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My wonderful Kymm and Andy,

I am sure all your clients tell you this, but you are the best. We put on an elegant wedding in terms of food and décor, but as you know, it is the music that makes or breaks the event, and no one can stop talking about you. The Managing Director of the Hotel del Coronado was one of my guests, and he could not believe the band - that was the first thing he said to me this morning. I think you are now #1 on the Hotel Del Coronado's list of recommended bands - how could you be otherwise. I haven't begun to think about my thank you's yet, but you had to be the first, because I think that you were the single most important factor in the success of the wedding. We hope the couple who were scouting were as blown away as my guests, and we will be happy to talk to them if you would like that.

And it was not only the music, but how warm and friendly you were, and how much you all seemed to be enjoying yourselves. We will come see you whenever we can. Thank you for everything.

Best wishes,

Linda and Dick Landres

"It's obvious that this band sounds great. But you know what I love the most? I love that no matter how busy they are and how many performances they are managing, they always make the time to answer my questions and respond to concerns. This only proves that not only are they talented beyond belief, they are great managers, too. What a winning combination!! Thanks for making my ears and eyes so happy and my brain satisfied. :)
Bravo!"

Catherine Bachelier Smith
Wedding Coordination

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San Diego Bar Auxiliary Philanthropies

May 5, 1999

Re: Blackstone Ball/San Diego Bar Association Auxiliary

Dear Kymm and Andy;

On behalf of the San Diego Bar Association Auxiliary, I would like to thank you for an immensely fantastic performance you and NRG provided for all those in attendance at the Blackstone Ball at the Westin Horton Plaza on March 20, 1999. You lit up the crowd as I knew you would.

I think that there might have been some people there that evening that are giving some consideration to changing their careers to pursue the entertainment field. You were so inviting to those whom you asked to join you on stage and added a whole new dimension to the entertainment value of the event.

Your band certainly personifies "energy" and now I know how you came up with the name of the band. You never let up and gave your performance everything you could have possibly given.

It was a pleasure to work with you. I wish you continued success and hope that we can work again sometime in the future. If I don't have the opportunity to speak with you before New Year's Eve, have a wonderful time in San Francisco and also a wonderful trip to Italy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Rains".

Kathy Rains, President

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