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To Fellow Members of the MTEn MFA Graduate Faculty:

I am writing on behalf of August DeWinkler for his admission to the MTEn MFA at FAU.

August is currently a student in my graduate course *Creating Interactive Culture* for the MFA. I allowed him to take the course based on his previous studies in urban architecture and on his portfolio, even though he has yet to be accepted to the program. In the course he quickly distinguished himself by his willingness to experiment, and by his desire to explore the various intersecting strands of technology, art, and culture we investigate in the class. This became apparent during the class performance project at the 2013 Faculty Biennial, where he was not only a reliable presence from set-up to breakdown, but he was constantly helping and engaging his fellow students, or locked in conversation with artists present.

He exemplifies the spirit of 'figuring stuff out', a skill that will serve him well in the MFA. For our procedural audio segment of the course, he programmed a mobile mixer app to control his PureData sketches from his phone, a possibility I had only briefly mentioned in class a week earlier. His ability to quickly grasp the expressive and communicative possibilities of visualization, graphical interfaces, procedural audio, and sensor technology has also been well articulated in his writings for the class on his blog.

In addition to his technical skills and a strong sense of visual design, August has already sketched out an overview of, if not his thesis, the work that will lead to his thesis: a fusion of urban architecture and live visual performance via projection mapping. I look forward to helping him achieve his vision.

I highly recommend August DeWinkler, without reservation, and I am certain he will contribute much to our program. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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