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### **OUR MISSION**

The mission of the Sumter Opera House is to enrich the cultural lives of our community, neighbors, and visitors by providing diverse creative experiences.

### **OUR VISION**

The vision of the Sumter Opera House is to be an indispensable cultural asset to our community through collaboration with civic organizations, educational systems, corporate sponsors, as well as individuals.

To whom it may concern:

I want to share a personal experience with you—one that perfectly captures why I recommend **Donna Washington** to any venue, school, or festival looking for a truly unforgettable artist.

When Donna stepped into the light at the Sumter Opera House this past fall, I witnessed her ability to transform a room in real time and create a sacred space. She has this almost magical ability to enwrap you in her words and lead you wherever she intends you to go.

Donna is, without exaggeration, the *“Child Wizard.”* During her time with us I watched her command the attention of hundreds of schoolchildren. Not by being loud or flashy, but simply by weaving stories so rich and alive that the kids couldn’t help but follow her. Within minutes, she had the students and staff learning, reciting, and living inside the stories. It was one of those rare moments where you forget you’re running a show and instead find yourself simply grateful to be in the room. Her brain is a literal library of stories, and she pulls from it with remarkable precision. She can tailor her program to any age, any demographic, any setting and do it seamlessly. That level of instinct comes from decades of experience, and it shows.

From a presenter’s perspective, Donna is also incredibly easy to work with: professional, flexible, warm, and thoughtful about the needs of your audience. If you’re on the fence about booking Donna Washington, let me make it simple: **Just Do It.** Your audience will thank you, your team will enjoy every minute of working with her, and you’ll walk away knowing you brought something genuinely special to your community.

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