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**Re: Letter of Reference for Mr. Benjamin Corey**

I am very pleased to write a recommendation for Mr. Benjamin Corey, who conducted a magic show for our department's global network meeting in June, 2011. The meeting consisted of 130 people who work all over the world. I was the person on the organizational committee who worked with Mr. Corey on this event.

His performance did a lot to create a positive atmosphere among participants, contributing to our efforts to build a global team. I am happy to share the following observations:

**Booking process.** Working with Mr. Corey was straightforward. He offers a wide range of options for entertainment, which can be tailored to the time available and the budget. We chose a more sizeable production that required a great deal of equipment. Mr. Corey and his crew handled all arrangements with the venue, which meant that I had no headaches. The entire process from quotations to contracting to billing was clear and uncomplicated.

**The performance.** Mr. Corey performed to a packed audience of 140 people from diverse backgrounds and cultures during and after dinner. Key highlights:

- He began by approaching each table, chatting with the audience, and entertaining them with magic close-up.
- Then he performed to the whole group, using illusions, magic and spontaneous comedy. There was a lot of audience interaction, plenty of amazement, big laughs, and sheer delight at Mr. Corey's ability to think up funny things to say at a moment's notice.
- Mr. Corey then levitated one of my colleagues. Often, illusionists levitate an assistant who knows how the illusion works. Our colleague had no idea how it happened.
- At the end of the show, Mr. Corey received a standing ovation. The entire evening was a big success.

In sum, Mr. Corey is more than a magician or an illusionist, he is first and foremost an entertainer who can bridge cultures and help bring a diverse team together.

I will be glad to answer any further questions either by e-mail at [dlawrence@ifc.org](mailto:dlawrence@ifc.org) or by phone at + (38044) 258-0499.

Best regards,



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