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To whom it may concern,

When my wife and I were approached by Mr. Croce to write a letter of recommendation, we said yes before he could finish getting the question out.

We were married November 24, 2007 and celebrated our reception at the Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing. We had no idea what we were doing when it came to planning a wedding. What we did know was once we set the date we didn't have a lot of time to get things in order. I knew from the start that I wanted a DJ (not a band), but I didn't know anyone and our friends didn't have any recommendations.

When my wife came across Mr. Croce's information she scheduled a meeting with him to find out what he was like and if he would fit the kind of person we were trying to get. Mr. Croce set an appointment at our house for three days after our initial conversation. He said he would be there at 6:00 PM and he showed up at 5:58 PM.

As soon as he walked in, we both thought we had a good feel about him. He showed us a slide show of work he had done before, plus he shared a couple of articles about his work that I found very informative. We told him what we were looking to do and he was very accommodating. He explained, in detail, what he could do and it was exactly what we were looking for. We didn't even look for another DJ and at that point, we cut him a check for our deposit.

About 45 days before the wedding, Mr. Croce contacted us to see if we started working on music that we wanted played. We both grew up in houses where music was on all the time and we associate a lot of our lives to different songs. We wanted to make sure we could have every song important to us was played at particular times during our big day. The tools that Mr. Croce gave us to do that were exceptional. It was so easy to do and we both had a blast getting the music together. There were about ten songs we wanted played that we did not find on Mr. Croce's list. He said that if we provided the title and artist to him, he would take care of it. At that, we put our trust in him and were not disappointed.

Now it is our wedding day and it is a complete blur. We get through the ceremony, the pictures, and now it's time for the reception. It's a little crazy when you first get there and Mr. Croce waited until things calmed down before he approached us. This was about a half hour before the reception was about to start. He very calmly came up to us, congratulated us, and basically gave us a run down as to how the night was going to go. His itinerary was exactly the way we had asked for it to go. During the cocktail hour he played every song we had previously requested and thankfully the volume was just right. I have been to so many receptions where you can't even hear the person next to you.

When it came time for the bridal party to be introduced, Mr. Croce had things moving like clock work. He had everyone in order and we were introduced for the first time as husband and wife. After our first dance together, Mr. Croce had everyone come on to the dance floor and make a circle around us. Both my wife and I had no idea what was going on, but he made sure that everyone was on the dance floor. It got quiet, Mr. Croce said some very endearing remarks over a silent room, then instantly kicked in a fast song and got the whole room dancing. It is still one of the best comments I get from family and friends about how he incorporated that. I still haven't been to my seat and the dance floor was packed. That is what every bride and groom prays for. You always want your guests to remember your wedding, but if they aren't having a good time, they won't remember your big day.

From that point forward, the night was perfect. When the best man made his speech, Mr. Croce on cue had some backup music to help him make his point. (You have to see the video to understand what I am talking about). Every time I looked on the dance floor, it was packed all night. Friends of mine, who never dance, were out there dancing. Mr. Croce checked in with us throughout the evening to see if things were going the way we wanted and if we wanted to change anything. I told him "no" every time. I have been to over 250 wedding in my life and I have never seen a DJ who can create so much fun and yet keep it as professional as he did. We wanted to try to keep it a little upscale and classy, while a little frat house crazy as well.

I was so afraid that he was going to sound like Casey Kasem and thankfully he didn't. We also asked that no one be allowed to make requests except for us and I didn't hear back any song that wasn't on our list

For our last dance of the evening, we choose "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas", since it was the beginning of the holiday season. Mr. Croce again had everyone form a circle around us and the entire wedding sang the song at the top of their lungs. That is probably in a tie for the most talked about comment we have received. It was absolutely fabulous.

I didn't know Mr. Croce until he showed up at our house and delivered his presentation for us. I can not put into words how grateful we are to Mr. Croce for making our wedding such a success. My wife still watches the video almost every week and she always says what a great job he did.

You can have horrible food and lousy flowers, but as long as your DJ gets people to have a great time, it is a success. We were fortunate that we had good food and flowers, but all we hear from everyone is what a great job our DJ did. I don't think I can put into words how lucky we were to have found Mr. Croce. I tell everyone that he made our wedding the success it was.

Please feel free to contact us with any question you might have, my cell is 267-736-0650.

Sincerely,

Gene and Lisa Winters

