

# The University of Louisiana at Monroe

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have observed Franc D'Ambrosio's very successful master classes in Lucca, Italy, for a number of years. On the strength of these sessions I arranged for a performance and master class at the University of Louisiana this past January.

Franc demonstrated a thorough knowledge of each piece he coached, without advance communication of what the students were going to sing. He knew about the background of the character, the context, the music, and the lyrics. He set a tone with the students that made the environment both safe and energized for each student. He drew from his own experiences without telling long antidotes which sometimes will stop class momentum. The results were immediate and exciting for everyone to see and hear in the hall.

I highly recommend this class for all music theatre students.

Respectfully submitted,

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