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To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to write in support of Paul Bodily's application for the ICCC 2017 doctoral consortium. Paul is currently a Phd candidate working in my lab on the problem of composition of popular music. Because his work covers not only generation but also aesthetic, evaluation and meta-level concerns, it is squarely in the CC field. Paul is an enthusiastic scholar with good ideas and will make a strong contribution to the consortium; in addition, he is eager to avail himself of as many learning opportunities as possible, and so the chance to participate in the consortium will also directly benefit him.

Paul has already passed his qualifying exam and dissertation proposal and is now beginning to develop depth and produce interesting results. He is a productive researcher, and we can expect a steady stream of quality work from him in the coming year. He will likely complete his degree requirements by December of 2017 or shortly thereafter. He aspires to an academic position after graduation, so the timing of this consortium, and the opportunity for him to get additional feedback on his research is excellent.

It should be obvious that I fully support Paul's application and feel he will make an excellent contribution to the doctoral consortium at ICCC 2017. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

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