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TO: JIM HENSON COMPANY

To whom it may concern,

To briefly introduce myself, my legal name is Karrie Brennan, however I most often am known as Ricky Vitus, an enthusiastically creative and detail oriented transgender male who functions both independently, and takes extra care be an important asset to a team. Working professionally for around 10 years in film and performance, I have been sought as designer and artist, bringing characters and creatures to life- from concept to creation. My ability ranges from application of prosthetic transfers to creating full creature suits, with the ability to solve technical problems along the way with critical thinking and knowledge of materials.

I'm adaptable to most situations, in work and life- During lockdown, I began making life-size werewolf busts, which quickly became sought out by collectors for their unique design and meticulous hairwork. I began fulltime work at Tom Spina Designs, as 'Special Effects Restoration Artist,' and have been responsible for the care of invaluable works of film history- many of which were originally created by Jim Henson Company.

I held the title of 'Dept. Head of Special Effects' at *The Gateway Playhouse*, a historic off-Broadway theatre on Long Island associated with *The Patchogue Theater*. As lead artist for their wildly popular and story-oriented 'haunted house,' I worked closely with the director in establishing characters, and oversaw a team of 5-10 artists in making foam latex, prosthetic transfer appliances, custom silicone masks and airbrush designs for 80-120 performers. I maintained my title as Special Effects Makeup Lead for many shows through-out the years, including *Shrek the Musical*, *Memphis* and *Beauty and the Beast*- In which I developed a unique method for *The Beast's* on-stage transformation without the use of a stunt double, all-the-while in silicone prosthetics.

I would like to thank you for the amazing opportunity to work in this legendary company, and would be honored to contribute my enthusiasm, skillsets and determination to become a member of the Jim Henson team.

In greatest appreciation of your time and consideration,

Karrie "Ricky Vitus" Brennan