

# STEVE ORICH

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing this to share some of my experience working with Mike Ponella.

I've conducted two shows at the Paper Mill Playhouse, "Can-Can" and "West Side Story" and Mike played lead trumpet for both productions. His technique, inventiveness, personality, and consistency was among the best I've ever experienced. I've also used him for recording sessions and seen him perform live with *Vince Giordano and the Nighthawks* as well as *The Toshiko Akiyoshi Jazz Orchestra*, and he's always a standout in any size ensemble.

I cannot recommend Mike highly enough for any project in any style.

If you have any further questions, you can contact me directly at [Steve@SteveOrich.com](mailto:Steve@SteveOrich.com)

Sincerely,

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