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To Whom it May Concern,

Each year, we are privileged to work with a number of professionals from the community via their involvement with the Downtown Chamber. One of those outstanding individuals this year has been Carrie Clogg with the Civic Music Association (CMA). In addition to her volunteerism and support of the chamber, I have the honor of working with Carrie directly as a member of the CMA Board of Directors and would like to outline several aspects that I feel are deserving of her being in this year's Forty Under 40 class.

Carrie has led CMA to new levels in recent years and effectively established partnerships and beneficial community relationships that let the organization grow, evolve, and advance Des Moines as a music center. For example, CMA will soon be moving into the Des Moines Social Club's firehouse location, a fitting new home that allows CMA to better serve its mission and remain a community partner. Each year, Carrie negotiates to bring world-class jazz and classical musicians to Des Moines, while always ensuring that there is an educational outreach locally by the musicians, and working with other Iowa hosts to ensure top musicians within budget. Last, but not least, Carrie keeps the CMA members at the heart of every decision and works with the Programming committee to keep events committed to the initial purpose of the Civic Music Association and its conception.

It's been a pleasure to watch CMA attendance grow and to hear the comments on the quality of the performances. Carrie Clogg has done an outstanding job representing CMA as its Executive Director and also as a community leader.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Chittenden, Executive Director
Des Moines Downtown Chamber of Commerce