

# BIRMINGHAM CONSERVATOIRE



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To whom it may concern

*Name of Student:* **Sean Karsten Gilde**

*Date of Birth:* 26.12.1965

I am pleased to certify that Sean Gilde was enrolled as a full-time student at Birmingham Conservatoire, Birmingham Polytechnic, on the three-year Bachelor of Arts (Hons) course from September 1988 to July 1991. His Principal Study was Violoncello. He graduated in July 1991 and gained the following awards:

- Bachelor of Arts with Honours [BA (Hons)] 2.1 *July 1991*
- ABSM (Recital) Diploma: Violoncello Recital with Distinction *July 1991*
- ABSM (Performing) Diploma: Violoncello with Merit *July 1990*
- ABSM (Teaching) Diploma: Violoncello *June 1989*

*[ABSM - Associate of the Birmingham School of Music]*

The ABSM Teaching and Performing Diplomas were an integral part of the full-time GBSM [Graduate of the Birmingham School of Music] Diploma course which was recognized by the [then] Department of Education and Science as conferring pass degree status; they were also available to external candidates as free-standing awards. It was common practice at that time for BA students to take the ABSM Diplomas as extra teaching and performing qualifications.

The Birmingham School of Music became a constituent college of Birmingham Polytechnic in 1971, and was renamed Birmingham Conservatoire in 1989. Birmingham Polytechnic was granted University status in 1992, with the title 'University of Central England in Birmingham'. On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007 the University's name was changed to 'Birmingham City University'.

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