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Greetings,

Last Sunday evening my community was privileged to experience Matt Baxter Luceno perform an outstanding reading of Poe's "The Cask of Amontillado" as part of an evening of Poe's work. Matt presented a powerful rendition, demonstrating his significant skill in bringing the text to life for our audience.

Poe can be tricky for the interpreter and for the actor. Matt handled the text's nuance and phrasing deftly, never overpowering the material while plumbing the depths of genius and potential madness that are the hallmarks of the American master's work. Poe found an able voice in Mr. Luceno, indeed.

I got to spend a little time with Matt before the performance and I found him to be very personable. Seemingly free of the bombast and self-aggrandizement that so often characterizes those in the acting profession, I suspect Matt would be a real asset to any ensemble as he is a terrific actor and genuinely nice person.

We will be looking for opportunities to bring him back to perform in our community in the future. I strongly recommend that any organization with a need for a highly-skilled actor give Matt Baxter Luceno a listen and a look.

Sincerely,
David White
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