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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The University of Oxford does not compile academic transcripts on the American model, and its students are not graded on a term-by-term basis for each course. Instead, students are examined at the end of their degree programme, and marks are then awarded for each paper taken.

Mrs matriculated in October 1992 as a full-time Senior Status undergraduate member of Christ Church, University of Oxford, to read for a Bachelor of Fine Art honours degree. The term Senior Status denotes that Mrs had already obtained a Bachelor's degree and was reading for a second Bachelor's degree. This exempted her from the first year of the undergraduate BFA course. Mrs sat her final examinations in June 1994 and was awarded a Class 2.1 Honours degree with the following marks:

# Final Honour School Examinations - June 1994

Sculpture
B/A
History of Art
B

Result: B.A. Honours (Class 2.1)

The University of Oxford Examination Regulations state that a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Fine Art may supplicate for the Degree of Master of Arts in or after the twenty-first term from his or her matriculation. Mrs

duly supplicated for the degree of Master of Arts, which was formally conferred upon her in January 2001.

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Dr Richard Rutherford Senior Censor



Date:

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Name on Application:

Name on Documentation:

Date of Birth/Country:

Purpose of Evaluation:

**Employment** 

Type of Evaluation:

General

**Document Status:** 

Official from Institution

RECOMMENDED U.S. EDUCATIONAL EQUIVALENCY: Bachelor of Fine Arts from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education in the United States

#### CREDENTIAL I OF I

Documentation:

Attestation of study from 10-92 to 6-94 resulting in a conferred degree (Bachelor of Arts Honours, Class 2, Division I, with Sculpure and Art History as tested senior subjects) in June, 1994, and a non-academic honorary certificate (Master of Arts) in January, 2001; issued on 1-

7-10 by Christ Church (college) within the University of Oxford system.

Verification:

Official document was received by this office directly from the issuing institution.

Length of Program:

2 years of undergraduate study beyond a qualifying bachelor's degree

Institution:

University of Oxford - Honorary M.A.

The University of Oxford, with roots to the early twelfth century, is an accredited institution of tertiary education in England. Instruction is carried out at universities faculties and within the University of Oxford system at institutions bearing the name of college or, more rarely, hall / church. At Oxford, the Master of Arts is not an earned degree but an honorary certificate which is offered only to those holding Oxford BA's. It represents seven years of continuing membership (similar to alumni status in the U.S.) in the university plus the payment of certain fees; the so-called M.A. is provided without further coursework or examination. Although the Master of Arts is not an academic qualification per se and does not yield a graduate equivalency in the United Kingdom or United States, it does attest to one's having earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Oxford.

Location: Oxford, England

### **Educational System:**

British universities have the autonomy to determine form and content of their respective degree programs. The first degree structure is based on the Honours degree and include Special Honours (primarily one major subject), Joint Honours (primarily two major subjects), and General Honours (at least two main subjects). The term Honours may designate the final year grade average, with Class I, Class II (Division I / Upper Division), Class II (Division II / Lower Division), and Class Three; a performance below Class III earns a Pass degree. Some institutions offer Ordinary degrees apart from Honours degrees. At most British universities, Honours and Pass degree programs require three to four years beyond thirteen years of primary, secondary, and pre-university instruction. Bachelor's degrees require four years at institutions following the so-called American style of education. Some professional degree programs may require more than four years.

### U.S. Equivalency:

According to the attestation, in October, 1992, on the basis of a prior baccalaureate degree, Ms. Cullar-Ledford was admitted to junior status in Fine Arts at Christ Church which is a college attached to the University of Oxford. Upon completion of two academic years, she took and passed senior examinations in Sculpture and Art History, earning the equivalent of a 3.33/B+ average. Her Bachelor of Arts Honours, conferred June 1994, is equivalent to a Bachelor of Fine Arts from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education in the United States.

In January, 2001, Ms. Cullar-Ledford received a Master of Arts from Oxford. Said honorary M.A. is not an academic qualification and does not yield a graduate equivalency in the United Kingdom or United States. Rather, it confirms the bachelor's granted in 1994 and attests to alumni status.

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