



Ms. Debra Cerritelli

Jazz for Peace

Washington, DC USA

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Dear Ms. Cerritelli:

On behalf of UNESCO and the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz, please accept my thanks for your contributions in support of the 2017 edition of International Jazz Day. Due in part to your efforts, the worldwide celebration on April 30 was a resounding success.

As you know, the reach of this year's Jazz Day extended well outside Global Host City Havana, Cuba. I am pleased to note that programs again took place in over 190 UNESCO member states. Furthermore, more than one million people around the world enjoyed the spectacular concert from the Gran Teatro de La Habana via YouTube, Facebook, UN Web TV and public television and radio broadcasts.

In 2017, many organizers decided to add a philanthropic element to their event, using concerts, community outreach and education programs to raise support and awareness for local and international charities. We will continue to encourage partners like you to use the platform of Jazz Day to promote charitable and service-based activities that help make a positive difference in the world. It is truly fitting that jazz music, especially on April 30, should be used as a tool to unify and empower the vulnerable in our society.

International Jazz Day could not happen without partners like **Jazz for Peace**. We are indebted to you for your steadfast support, and look forward to working with you to build an even more impactful #JazzDay celebration on April 30, 2018.

Sincerely,

Herbie Hancock

UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Intercultural Dialogue
Chairman, Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz