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Dear Joseph:

As this year draws to a close, on behalf of UNESCO and the Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz I would like to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your participation in the International Jazz Day 2023 celebration. A record number of partners worldwide presented a diverse range of musicians in performances, education programs, charity concerts, master classes, community outreach initiatives, lectures, literary evenings and many other creative offerings for people of all ages and backgrounds.

We continue to learn so much about virtual events and how we can connect people beyond in-person gatherings. So many of you expanded your digital connections and engagements this year – recording and streaming your own programs and the 2023 All-Star Global Concert to provide access for audiences far and wide as part of your Jazz Day festivities. The Global Concert has logged more than 100 million views on Facebook and YouTube alone.

These 2023 celebrations stand as a testament to the commitment behind jazz, and the unity and peace it can bring. Artists, organizers and jazz supporters like you came together in more than 195 countries to celebrate this 12<sup>th</sup> annual International Jazz Day. You and the rest of the widespread International Jazz Day family have continued to work tirelessly and passionately to infuse the joyous sounds of jazz into clubs, concert halls, schools, parks, ballrooms, backyards, museums, town squares and restaurants across all continents.

Your dedication to supporting International Jazz Day means so much to me and I am deeply grateful for all of your efforts. With registrations set to launch in mid-January, we look forward to your upcoming participation in International Jazz Day 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Herbie".

Herbie Hancock  
UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador  
for Intercultural Dialogue