



Ms. Molly Klimas
GRandJazzFest
Grand Rapids, MI, USA

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Dear Ms. Klimas:

On behalf of UNESCO and the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz, we thank you for helping to make the 2015 edition of International Jazz Day our most successful yet.

Due in part to your extraordinary efforts, this year's celebration reached more communities than ever before, with partners from embassies and hotels to jazz clubs and cultural associations curating well over 700 individual events. These included concerts, jam sessions and showcases, but also many educational activities, aptly capitalizing on the ongoing observance of UNESCO's 70th Anniversary celebration. The education and performance programs in the Global Host City of Paris, France were also a huge success. If you have not watched the All-Star Global Concert, filmed live at UNESCO Headquarters, we invite you to visit jazzday.com and have a look.

It is deeply inspiring to know that you and your fellow organizers have such passion for jazz and its positive message of peace and tolerance. International Jazz Day would simply not be the same without you.

If you haven't already, please do let us know about your experiences on April 30. We welcome photos, videos and stories, as well as general comments and feedback, and anything else you might like to share. We would also love to hear about your plans for 2016. Be the first one from your state to confirm your participation for the 5th annual celebration!

Once again, thank you for all you do in support of this special day. We wish you a most happy and safe summer season.

Sincerely,

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

Tom Carter
President, Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz