



2 August 2021

Ms. Monika Herzig
Bloomington, IN, USA

Dear Monika:

I hope this finds you and your family safe and well. On behalf of UNESCO and the Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to you for your efforts to celebrate International Jazz Day 2021 in truly spectacular fashion. This year marked the 10th Anniversary of this special initiative, which every year brings together people of all backgrounds to affirm the unifying and healing power of jazz.

This year showed us that the spirit of jazz is alive and well, whether on or off the bandstand. Organizers like you registered events in 192 countries and on all seven continents. Included in these were numerous concerts, recitals, jam sessions and other performance-based events—both virtual and in-person with appropriate social distancing—but also copious education programs, conferences, radio and television broadcasts, art exhibitions, social media campaigns, and much more.

We saw programming that used the platform of International Jazz Day to address urgent issues of the day, from climate change to gender equality to sustainable development. Numerous events were either presented free of charge or contributed their ticket proceeds to charity. This strongly aligns with International Jazz Day's focus on the ways in which jazz can contribute positively to the world, whether through its broad entertainment appeal, its humanitarian values or its openness and adaptability to so many other forms of expression.

Monika, I am deeply grateful for your partnership and continued support for International Jazz Day. With your help, we look forward to another 10 years of this special celebration. As always, please keep us informed of your plans for next year's edition, and feel free to reach out to our Outreach Team should you require any inspiration or other assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Herbie".

Herbie Hancock
UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador
for Intercultural Dialogue