

March 10, 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

On April 30, 2024, the world will celebrate International Jazz Day in recognition of jazz as a force for peace, intercultural dialogue and cooperation.

Since 2012, organizers from over 190 countries have produced a record number of Jazz Day events every year. This makes Jazz Day one of the fastest growing and most enthusiastically supported international days, with every single UNESCO member state and more private partners participating every year.

We are proud to count the London Jazz Festival committee as an International Jazz Day partner and organizer, whose efforts have helped ensure Canada's continued participation in this important program. This letter certifies that London Jazz Festival has indicated a commitment to organizing events in Canada for International Jazz Day 2024.

We encourage our partners to celebrate in their own way, whether by producing a festival or concert, gathering musicians together for a jam session, meeting friends for a listening party, having a public discussion on jazz or petitioning their local government to officially recognize the day. We rely upon the voluntary participation of organizers around the world to make the international celebration of jazz possible.

To that end, we would be most appreciative if your office would consider supporting this event. You can find more information on International Jazz Day by visiting the official website: <u>www.jazzday.com</u>.

Sincerely,

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