



August 2014

Mikhail Freidlin
Master-Jam Fest Project
Odessa, Ukraine

Dear Mr. Freidlin:

On behalf of UNESCO and the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz, we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping to make International Jazz Day 2014 such a resounding success.

This year, you and your fellow organizers in **196 countries** put together **more than 600 individual events**. Some organizers partnered with radio stations, public libraries, hotels, municipal governments, UNESCO National Commissions, jazz clubs, art galleries, schools and restaurants; others presented events simply as private citizens with a deep-seated passion for this wonderful music and its message of peace and cooperation.

In the midst of the many struggles, disagreements and crises that confront the people of our beautiful planet, it is truly inspiring to see so many of us brought together by our mutual love of music. It is humbling beyond words to know that for at least one day there is someone in **every country on earth** taking time to celebrate jazz.

No matter how you celebrated, please know that we couldn't have done this without you. Please share your experiences with us by sending photos, videos, audio recordings, reflections, interviews, reports, and anything else you might care to share. We would love to hear from you.

Once again, thank you – and we hope you will participate again on April 30, 2015!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Herbie Hancock'.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tom Carter'.

Thomas R. Carter
President, Thelonious Monk
Institute of Jazz