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MINISTRY OF CULTURE

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Minister of Culture of France

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### **Invitation to the European Capital of Culture Tartu 2024, 15 June 2024**

Dear Colleague,

**The year 2024 marks European Capital of Culture year for Estonia, for the City of Tartu and Southern Estonia region.** Tartu 2024 program with the artistic concept **Arts of Survival** was revealed on October 19 and its main programme (<https://tartu2024.ee/en/overview/>) events are divided into four programme lines: Tartu with Earth, Tartu with Humanity, Tartu with Europe, Tartu with Universe.

We are proud, that among over 1000 events there are many prepared together with international partners, including French, and one of the highlights will be **Veljo Tormis' choral cycle "Forgotten Peoples" performed by Chœur de l'Orchestre de Paris under the baton of Ingrid Mänd**, to be held on June 15 at the Estonian National Museum in Tartu. It is my great pleasure to extend to you an invitation to this event as your presence would not only add to its significance but also provide an opportunity for cultural exchange and collaboration between Estonia and France.

Thank you in advance for considering this invitation and **kindly respond by 15 March 2024**. Your contact for the preparation of the visit is Internationalisation Advisor at the Estonian Ministry of Culture, Ms Tiina Tarkus ([tiina.tarkus@kul.ee](mailto:tiina.tarkus@kul.ee), +372 5367 6463). Estonian Ministry of Culture is happy to provide accommodation and local transportation for minister and two accompanying persons.

Looking forward to welcoming you to the enchanting city of Tartu and sharing this momentous milestone in this year-long journey celebrating culture and creativity, please accept dear Colleague, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister

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