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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,

Please accept my congratulations on your appointment as the Minister of Culture and allow me to wish you much success in governing this versatile field in current turbulent times. I am pleased to note that cultural relations between Estonia and France are close and diverse.

As you may know, 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 has over 1000 events and we are proud that among them there are many prepared together with international partners, including French. 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 April 2024**. Your contact for the preparation of the visit is Ms Eike Eller ([eike.eller@mfa.ee](mailto:eike.eller@mfa.ee); +33 633530498), Culture Counsellor of the Estonian Embassy in France. 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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