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Dear Mr. Prokop,

On behalf of UNESCO and the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz, we extend our heartfelt thanks to you and the Jazz World Photo contest for doing your part to enable the global celebration of jazz in 2014. International Jazz Day depends absolutely upon organizations like yours making a commitment to bring the international language of jazz to every nation on earth.

It is always a joy to hear of the diverse ways in which people celebrate on April 30th. Even the humblest observance makes a difference. The marvel of this day is that it shows the world just how universal are the values of jazz: peace; mutual understanding; collaboration and cooperation amidst cultural, ethnic, and linguistic barriers - all are possible when we come together to enjoy and appreciate this music.

We wish you all success in carrying out the Czech Republic's contribution to International Jazz Day. We invite you to visit our website ([jazzday.com](http://jazzday.com)) as well as our official Facebook and Twitter outlets to give feedback and see what others are doing on April 30th. We hope you will be inspired to new heights.

Once again, Mr. Prokop, thank you for your efforts in support of this special day. We couldn't do it without you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Herbie Hancock'.

Herbie Hancock

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Tom Carter'.

Tom Carter

**President, Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz**