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Dear Friend of the Musicians Foundation,

This is a holiday season, a time of rejoicing and a time of generosity. It is also your time and opportunity to assist the musicians whose artistry you have enjoyed during your lifetime. Although, in a greater sense, there is no way to repay these artists for the treasure of the music they have shared so willingly, you *can* play a direct role in helping them emerge from hard times. As you know, except for highly unusual cases, the community of musicians does not have access to things such as employer-sponsored health plans, pensions, or 401K offerings. As a result, these fine artists are vulnerable to effects associated with the worst side of poverty. The details and variety of these vulnerabilities need not be listed here. You can easily conceive of them. Because we at the Musicians Foundation are powerfully committed to meeting these problems head-on, we reach out, each year, for the funding needed to provide support to musicians who are experiencing difficulties.

The Musicians Foundation has, throughout its more-than-100-year history, maintained a structure that keeps administrative costs and overhead in check, so as to ensure that the lion's share of all funds is distributed directly to the client musicians. For this reason, in giving to the Musicians Foundation you can feel secure in the knowledge that your donations are disbursed efficiently, and with care.

We invite you to join us, to do your part in sustaining the good and human work of the Musicians Foundation.

With best holiday wishes to you and your family,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hans Tausig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Hans Tausig,
President**

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