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Dear Friends of the Musician Foundation -- both old and new,

When my wife, Cipa, and I were invited to join the Advisory Council, we accepted with immediate enthusiasm because of the century-plus tradition and sense of mission of this distinguished organization. Underlying our commitment is a very personal story: In 2007, I took an enforced three-month hiatus from the concert stage to deal with the onset of Dupuytren's disease, a contracting of one or more fingers. After successful surgery and physical therapy, I returned to public performance, continuing to practice, rehearse and tour -- happily and most gratefully -- to this very moment. With this in mind, we share just a few stories from the Musicians Foundation archives:

* When a Juilliard-trained piano prodigy, mentored by Duke Ellington and Irving Berlin, underwent a kidney transplant, the Musicians Foundation offered financial assistance.

* When a debilitating stroke sidelined a musician who had recorded and/or performed with a Who's Who of 1960s folk music—including Joan Baez, Judy Collins, Bob Dylan, Richie Havens, Gordon Lightfoot, Odetta and Buffy Saint-Marie, the Musicians Foundation was there to help.

* When a countertenor who was performing at the Metropolitan Opera was the victim of an arson attack that left him homeless and without possessions, the Musicians Foundation stepped in to tide him over.

* As so many musicians have been affected by the disastrous 2017 hurricane season, the Musicians Foundation stands ready to be of assistance.

Now, with the approach of another festive Holiday Season, we hope you will take a moment to support the important nurturing, comforting and healing work of the Musicians Foundation with a tax-deductible gift to help us continue to aid our brother and sister artists in immediate need.

With sincerest thanks and warmest wishes for peaceful and joyous Holidays,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Misha Dichter".

Misha Dichter

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Cipa Dichter

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