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Subject: Letter of Support for Slovak Theatre in London Grant Application

It is my pleasure and honor to express my strong support for the grant application submitted by Slovak Theatre in London. As Director of Global Slovakia, an organization dedicated to raising Slovakia's visibility globally, I have had the pleasure and honor of experiencing the considerate impact that Slovak Theatre London has had on the Slovak community in the United Kingdom and beyond.

Slovak Theatre in London is a unique organization that promotes, supports, and stimulates cooperation among artists of Slovak and Czech heritage. This focus enables the enthusiastic and ambitious organization to contribute to the British artistic community, enhancing its innovativeness and diversity.

At the same time, Slovak Theater London serves as a bridge between the United Kingdom and Slovakia, strengthening the cultural and social bonds between these countries.

One of the organisation's most impactful initiatives is the new project 'Portraits of Slovak and Czech Britain'.



It brings together Slovak and Czech diaspora members across generations and from diverse walks of life, creating fertile grounds for cooperation, idea exchange, and mutual enrichment. The project also offers an essential platform for various community organizations to promote their work and impact across sectors.

However important the project's contribution to the Czech and Slovak community in the United Kingdom is, the project spills beyond the community into broader society as it carries and promotes the timeless message of different cultures enriching every country. When harnessed and directed, they become tools for building peace and greatness.

As such, this project significantly strengthens community bonds and promotes cultural pride and cohesion by highlighting the stories and contributions of Slovaks and Czechs in Britain.

The theatre's commitment to excellence in the arts is visible through its high-quality productions, which creatively blend traditional Slovak and Czech storytelling with contemporary themes.

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This approach preserves cultural heritage and makes it accessible and relevant to modern audiences outside the Czech and Slovak communities. Therefore, Slovak Theatre in London promotes cultural dialogue and understanding, which is crucial in fostering community cohesion at a time when its togetherness is challenged.

Slovak Theatre London has demonstrated exceptional organizational capability, impeccable professionalism, and a clear vision for expanding its reach and enhancing its program offering. The organisation has the potential to bring harmony, understanding, and tolerance to broad communities.

With the crucial support of an Arts Council England grant, Slovak Theatre in London can further its mission, reach a wider audience, and continue to be a cornerstone of cultural and artistic excellence in London. The theatre's need for this grant is not just a matter of financial support, but also a testament to the importance of its mission and the value it brings to the community.

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In conclusion, I express our genuine support for Slovak Theatre London's grant application and encourage you to consider this organization's profound positive impact on the British community.

Thank you for considering their application. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at gabriela.bereghazyova@globalslovakia.com.

Yours faithfully,



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