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Dear Grégory,

I write to you on behalf of the Board of the International Kodály Society to offer our congratulations to you as President and all members of *La Voix de Kodály en France* on the 15th anniversary of your Society.

The Kodály philosophy is not only a manifesto for Music Education but is also a condensation of profound human wisdom. It was Kodály's earnest wish that great Art could be made accessible to all, and he stated that "Real art is one of the most powerful forces in the rise of mankind, and he who renders it accessible to as many people as possible is a benefactor of humanity." One of the functions of the IKS and of your Society is to promote Kodály's ideas and to develop the necessary skills and understanding for the effective and sensitive implementation of those ideas.

The adoption of new ideas is always challenging and this has certainly been true in France – we applaud you all for your great efforts in this regard. We acknowledge that many individuals have been involved in establishing the Kodály philosophy in France but I feel that it is important to make special mention of Chantal and Jacques Bigot. Chantal and Jacques have worked with unwavering focus and unflagging energy to share this philosophy, and on behalf of the Board we commend them on their commitment.

Please pass on our congratulations to all involved in *La Voix de Kodály en France*. We join with you in celebrating this achievement and we look forward to all future successes.

With best wishes,

James Cuskelly