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To whom it may concerns

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Support of the children's choir "Coro Infante da Universidade de Lisboa"

Dear Sir or Madam

I am Director of the European Festival of Youth Choirs Basel in Switzerland since 2002. We are proud of our reputation as the most recognized platform for highly qualified children and youth choirs throughout Europe.

In 2012 the Childrens Choir "Coro infantile da Universidade de Lisboa" has been selected and invited to our festival as official participants and ambassadors of Portugal. Since the foundation of the festival in 1992 no other Portuguese choir has been selected for this high level music event. All through Portugal we could not find any other choir that meets the enormous musical requirements of the festival.

There are several reasons why the "Coro infantile da Universidade de Lisboa" reaches a higher musical level than all other children and youth choirs in Portugal.

1. The continuity of musical work of singers and teachers over many years
2. The continuity of relationships between singers, teachers and parents over many years
3. The extraordinary musical and pedagogic qualities of Erica Mandillo, conductor of the choir
4. The enormous power of the responsible persons who invest a large part of their lives to make children sing and invest in a new generation of great musicians

The public, the singers and the business world need qualified choirs. Europe will lose them if not enough organizations, governments and private persons recognize their important achievements and give them financial support. What a poor world without singing people!

The "Coro infantile da Universidade de Lisboa" does an excellent and internationally approved work. If they are to continue this work they depend on financial supports. Please take this fact into consideration when discussing the financial support of this great choir.

Yours sincerely

European Festival of Youth Choirs Basel

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