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Mr. Tibor Navracsics
European Commissioner for Education, Culture,
Youth and Sport

Save EUYO

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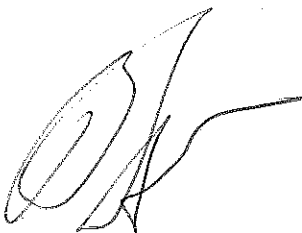
Dear Mr. Navracsics,

The European Union Youth Orchestra shall close from September 2016 due to missing cost coverage. The Youth Orchestra is a central element of international, European music education and mediation which combines the various European cultures in a unique way. Famous conductors stand and stood on this stand of this notable orchestra, which was founded 40 years ago by Claudio Abbado. For many today world-known musicians this orchestra represented a huge stepping stone into an international career and embraced the former conflicted parts of Europe on bringing them together. The conciliation power of music could unfold here at its best.

We Believe that the European Union Youth Orchestra is one the great Cultural Ambassadors of the European Union, and that for 40 years it has been a consistent beacon of excellence for the EU's highest values and ideals.

We Understand that without direct core funding from the EU this unique organisation will cease to exist after 1 September 2016.

We Call Upon President Juncker, President Schulz and Commissioner Navracsics to act to make available, with urgency, a level of EU core funding directly for the Orchestra that will enable its survival.



Valery Gergiev
Music Director



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