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Dear friends and friends of choral music,

Music is probably the most beautiful form of communication between people of

different backgrounds and traditions. Music combines, music transcends borders,

bringing people closer to each other . Especially the choral music is not only a pleasure

for the listener and audience, but also for the singers. I am therefore pleased that the

Ottawa Brahms Choir brings people together with singing since over 35 years.

That thus you keep alive especially the musical heritage of Johannes Brahms and also

of other composers from Germany and Europe, fills me with pride.

With the music of Brahms the Ottawa Brahms Choir contributes to building

bridges across the Atlantic to Europe and Germany, where many members of the choir

have their roots. They are also ambassadors of Europe's musical tradition that has so

many friends in Canada. With your music you bring great joy to many people in

Canada's capital region and beyond.

For me, it is therefore a special honour to take over the patronage for the Brahms Choir

in the coming season 2015. I thank all those, who preserve the heritage of the Choir

and generously support their commitment and I wish all members of the

choir and all those who are impressed by their vocal performances, lots of fun and a

wonderful time of togetherness.

Your

Werner Wnendt

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany