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To Whom It May Concern

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Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

Lithuanian Prison Service would like to share its experience of a profoundly meaningful collaboration with our Canadian partners from the Looking at the Stars Foundation. In 2019, the Looking at the Stars Foundation generously gifted classical music concerts to inmates in one of our facilities. This initiative continued in 2021, as the charity extended its mission to gift concerts to other Lithuanian prisons. In spring of 2022, a series of concerts unfolded across several prisons, offering a unique and transformative experience for both inmates and the broader community. The resounding success of these events prompted their continuation in 2023, with an increased number (8) of participating prisons.

The successful cooperation between Lithuanian Prison Service and Looking at the Stars Foundation has attracted a team of international world class performers from Canada, Lithuania, and UK – pianists Lukas Geniušas, Darius Mažintas, Walter Delahunt, Tony Yang, cellist Glebas Pyšniakas, violinists Dmitry Sitkovestky, Jonathan Crow, Dalia Dėdinskaitė, Vilnius String Quartet to name a few. As many as 31 concerts have been held in prisons throughout the entire cooperation with the Foundation.

Lithuanian Prison Service deeply values the concerts held within prison settings, which exhibit a quality comparable to those performed in prestigious concert halls. Introducing professional artists and cultural programs to these environments can profoundly benefit inmates' lives. Artistic expression and cultural engagement offer valuable opportunities for personal growth, self-reflection, and development. Delivering world-class culture within prisons can significantly impact inmates' motivation to amend their mental and behavioural patterns. The opportunity to enjoy classical music performed at such a high level within a prison setting is having a transformative impact on inmates.

We are very fortunate to have had the opportunity to use this unique Canadian experience and to observe the impact of this extraordinary gift on the population of our inmates. We would highly recommend that you to consider the cooperation with the Looking at the Stars Foundation.

They are ready and very interested in expanding their program in other EU countries. Should you be interested in piloting this program in your establishments, please feel free to contact myself or the Founder and CEO of Looking at the Stars Mr. Dmitri Kanovich (Tel. No. +14165600725, Email: dmitri.kanovich@lookingatthestars.org).

You may find more information about the Foundation at www.lookingatthestars.org.

Sincerely,

Director General

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Virginijus Kulikauskas