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Dear Friends,

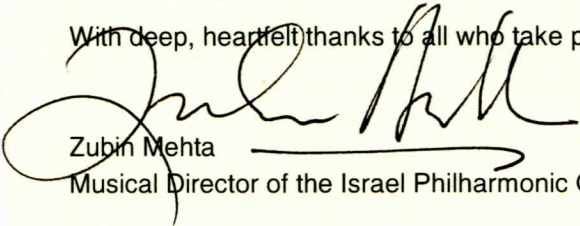
Mifne, a project for the advancement of musical study and performance among the Arab and Jewish communities of the Galilee and the general cultivation of multi-cultural musical leadership in the region was launched in January 2009. Its birth and first years were supported and shepherded by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, The Buchman-Mehta School of Music at Tel-Aviv University, and leading Jewish and Arab music centers in the Galilee, along with Bank Leumi, the Arab-Israel Bank and other partners.

Now, following four-and-a-half years of intensive activity, Mifne is proud of helping to spread multi-cultural musical creativity among children, teens and adults, both Jews and Arabs, not only in the Galilee, but throughout the state of Israel. Mifne takes responsibility for a flourishing musical program in many regional Arab municipalities. Today, more and more Israeli Arabs are being accepted to academic institutions and leading music programs in Israel and overseas; some have performed with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

The very success of the Mife project has made it necessary to establish a professional performing arts center capable of hosting concerts, conferences and other major cultural events. The proposed performing arts center is to be located in the heart of the Galilee, in the foothills of Nazareth, opposite Mt. Tabor. The center will be a font of creative arts and culture, one that will bring people together through meetings and dialogues.

Dear friends, the vision of a major performing arts center in the Galilee is the practical expression of the longing and desire of millions in Israel and abroad who dare to dream. They wish to see a world in which people of all ethnicities and nationalities, and from all religious, cultural and social backgrounds, dwell in harmony and together develop the human potential that is inspired through musical creativity. I invite each and every one of you to become a partner in the realization of this sublime vision. Join with me and this dream will become a reality full of rich, human expression.

With deep, heartfelt thanks to all who take part,


Zubin Mehta
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