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Dear Friends,

I am pleased and honored to offer my warm welcome to Hương Việt Performing Arts Group's concert "Vietnam, Essence of Yesteryear 10". I am proud Washington State is hosting this important celebration of the Vietnamese musical tradition in America and bringing together guest artists from Oregon, California, Houston, Canada, France and Vietnam to join in this essential cultural performance.

Hương Việt Performing Arts Group has worked to preserve the history of Vietnamese Art in the Northwest and around the world for 17 years. On February 22, 2018 the group was also bestowed with the honor to perform at the White House for the Lunar New Year Festival. All of Washington State is enhanced by the contributions of the Vietnamese community and the exchange of arts and culture.

I hope those joining this concert are also enjoying the Vietnamese Đàn Tranh Conference being sponsored by the Hương Việt Performing Arts Group. This great event is a chance to learn about the history, manufacture, composition and technique of đàn tranh playing. Yet another example of the essential work being done by the Hương Việt Performing Arts Group to promote diversity, culture and arts in Washington State.

I pass along my best wishes to the artist, performers, organizers, volunteers, guests and attendees who are an essential part of this valuable annual concert. Thank you for joining and supporting the preservation and celebration of Vietnamese tradition and for your contributions to our community. Enjoy the show!

All my best,

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