

Thank you for making our 30th anniversary Celebration where Music and Art played the main role a night to remember

Thank you. I use those two words often, but they never quite seem to be enough. As I think back on last night's beautiful evening filled with joyous moments, I am filled with so much gratitude that it's hard to properly express it in words.

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It's been **30 years** since we first opened our SILA Door here in Slovenia, and yet I am still humbled by the number of people who show up to support SILA IWCL. On November 29, 2023, we had a record number of guests!

Whether you made a **donation** via the bank or on the spot, or you are still about to make one, you may do so via a bank account,

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and whoever attended the event, **YOU helped us reach those goals** and work toward our mission of helping all people live their best lives. For this, **I thank you incredibly.**

While we **celebrate the success of the evening**, I must also give thanks to those behind the scenes from RTV Slovenia, to the Slovenian Philharmonic, from printing to lights and sounds and many many others involved in this evening's success. The months and days leading up to an event like this are filled with hours upon hours of hard work. It is in those days and hours that I once again recognize the true heart of the people who make SILA IWCL a success every single day.

Many **students** of The University of Ljubljana, members of our association warmly welcomed and helped the guests to feel special. All of this was done in addition to their already full workloads.

I heard so many **positive comments** on that evening, as well as I received many emails, phone calls and messages about the amazing organisation, uniqueness of the concert performed by the **Orchestra of Slovenian Philharmonic** with legendary maestro **Slaven Kulenovic**, with never before heard lectures related to performed music from **professor dr. Zvezdan Pirtosek**, touching story from our honorary member, **Irena Debeljak**, to a great moderator, the guardian of the atmosphere, Igor Velse, to an impressive words we heard from **Darja Korez Korencan** who said that 'The power of music knows no boundaries', lovely Butterflies' opening dance performed by **Bolero**, and powerful works of art created by little yet so great artists from **L'Art International School of Fine Art**, also an impressive colourful booklet designed by **Nina Znidersic**, the gorgeous festive stage displayed by **Cvetlicarna Regina**, and the delicious food and great service catered by the **Grand Hotel Union** stuff. And yes, indeed a truly beautiful evening it was.

None of that would have been possible without the dedication of our **SILA IWCL powerful team**, Irena Debeljak as the leading power of the project, Danijela Voljc and Vida Rudolf as the founders, Tanya Madzharova as the most valuable asset to the whole association, to Blanka Kosmerlj as the Public Relations specialist, Seethal Kaur as the web page creator and editor, Nina Znidersic as the invitation and the event's booklet designer and the photographer and Mojca Slana, Liliana Drolc, Liana Drolc, Helen Mina, Dunja Bohoric, Elisangela Fistravec, Chilly Feyang as the support members, and many other members whose role was minor yet so important, and all of you who attended and supported the event.

These words of thanks don't just come from me – they come from all of the members who make up the SILA IWCL family. **Your support** means you believe in our work.

Last but not least, SILA IWCL was extremely fortunate to earn the **honorary patronage** of the President of the Republic of Slovenia Dr. Nataša Pirc Musar for the concert "The impact of music on the brain", and the powerful speech of the Spouse of the President of the Republic of Slovenia, dr. Aleš Musar placed SILA IWCL to the highest level. Our decisions and actions are based on fairness, integrity and honesty. We are actively engaged in and supportive of our community.

Please follow us on www.IWCL.si, so you will be informed about our next projects.
Hope to see you all there again, till then.

May the music, on its wings, lead us into the upcoming festive season, where inner peace is cherished, and where we will create beautiful memories for ourselves and our loved ones.

Happy Festive December,

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