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Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

Our union, representing, among others, professional performers in Slovenia, has learned through the press and through FIA /the International Federation of Actors/ of the ongoing struggle of performers in France, characterized by an expanding movement to occupy cultural venues all across the country.

Our colleagues in France, who are confronted, like performers everywhere, with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic – notably the shuttering of their workplaces and the drastic unemployment that has ensued, serious threats to their social protection, including health care and maternity benefits, and a lack of visibility concerning reopening – demand action from their government.

In our union, we fully endorse what they are calling for:

- ✓ **A prolongation of unemployment benefits, with special accommodations for beginning professionals;**
- ✓ **Improved access to health and maternity benefits;**
- ✓ **Compensatory financing of their specific social protection systems;**
- ✓ **Funding to allow performers to continue working, even while venues are closed to the public;**
- ✓ **Organization of the reopening of theatres, with sustainable financial support for employment.**

It would be to the honor of France, whose support for the arts is known around the world, to accede to these demands. We would greatly appreciate your relaying our statement of support to your Ministry of Culture.

Dear colleagues in

 SYNDICAT FRANCAIS DES ARTISTES INTERPRETES CGT,

We support your efforts and struggles!

Sincerely / In solidarity,



Mitja Šuštar
President