

## Dear Friends in the U.K

Congratulations on Palmusic's tenth anniversary. It has been a decade of hard, committed, and impressive work you have managed to accomplish. Finding the appropriate management with limited resources must have been a challenge. But the board's commitment and dedication have overcome this hurdle and achieved a lot. I hope the next decade will see a more stable apparatus where you can serve even better.

You have given scores of young Palestinians an opportunity to experience music and make it part of their lives, which has changed the course of the futures of many. Your support of the Conservatory's branch in Gaza has been instrumental in keeping the school open against all odds. The high-quality online teaching provided by superb British musicians to our children in Gaza has given these aspiring young musicians opportunities beyond imagination. You have also offered a few, excellent chances to get a professional music education in the U.K. Although not all have returned to Palestine, those who have, have given back to the younger generation the love of music. You have given others the gift of music; they are now accomplished musicians, proud to represent Palestinian musicians worldwide.

I hope your next decade will see even more achievements and greater collaboration between Palestinian and British musicians and music institutions. I also hope you will be able to continue and boost your support to the ESNM so that it can better achieve its goals.

Happy anniversary and congratulations on the coronation of King Charles the 3rd.

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