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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

After over a decade of working tirelessly to promote Tibetan culture and tradition, TigerLion Arts is now planning the world premiere of KIPO! This new production is meant to tour the world celebrating basic goodness, showcasing the unique Tibetan culture, and fostering harmony within communities of all ages and all backgrounds.

In 2009, we had the joy of assisting TigerLion Arts with its wonderful production of *The Buddha Prince*, which was brought to Central Park in New York City to honor Tibet's 50 Years in Exile. The experience touched thousands of people who came to watch the life story of His Holiness the Dalai Lama unfold before their eyes. It left all who saw it delighted and amazed, and most importantly, educated and concerned about the situation in Tibet and life in exile for the Tibetan people. After such a success, we are excited for the coming of KIPO!

KIPO! will feature our finest performers from the Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts (TIPA) in Dharamsala, India. Founded by His Holiness, and entrusted to preserve our threatened culture and tradition, TIPA truly represents the lasting vitality and spirit of Tibet. As part of the cultural infrastructure of the Tibetan community in exile, TIPA's presence in KIPO! will be a critical force in educating people throughout the United States, and world-wide, about the Tibetan culture and tradition.

Under this mission, we have joined in this historic effort with a commitment to help plan the touring of KIPO! both in America and beyond, and to assist TigerLion Arts with the production however we can. Our collective team will be able to reach new audiences, spreading celebration and understanding across the diverse cultures and communities of the world.

Deeply appreciative, as we are of KIPO!, we appeal to all lovers of peace, happiness, and humanity to support this noble endeavor.

With sincere gratitude,

Lobsang Nyandak

Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama