



Dear friends, dear cultural community!

Today Ukraine is fighting a full-scale Russian invasion. We have been under violent military attack by the Russian Federation since February 24th. The enemy is attacking us by using ballistic and cruise missiles, multiple rocket launchers Grad and tanks including arms forbidden by international communities. Russian army turned to the simple terrorist tactic – they are bombing small and large Ukrainian cities (including hospitals,

kindergartens, schools, museums, cultural heritage objects) causing large number of casualties among civilians and preventing the humanitarian corridors.

The Russian occupants continue to ruthlessly destroy Ukraine's cultural heritage, publicly saying that no Ukrainian culture exists and did not exist. They continue to shell Ukrainian museums and destroy Ukrainian theaters.

All the means are directed to support our troops to win the war. For this, by the resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine from March 10, our Foundations funds in the amount of 18,2 million euros, that had to finance grants for cultural projects in 2022, will be directed to the Ukrainian Army to counter aggression by the Russian Federation. At the same time, the Ukrainian Cultural Foundation continues its work to fight Russian aggression and support our defenders. We are fighting the aggressor on all fronts.

We stay strong. We believe in the Ukrainian army! We believe in European solidarity and help!

More and more Ukrainian artists (actors, singers, painters, writers, etc.) are taking up weapons and defending our homeland. Losses of Ukrainian culture include not only tangible cultural heritage as museums, monuments, architecture, theaters, etc., but also intangible - at risks are the people who are carriers of traditions and folklore as well as professional artists and cultural managers and other creative professionals who form Ukrainian culture identity.

On behalf of the Ukrainian Cultural Foundation and all cultural organizations and institutions in Ukraine, we are asking for your public solidarity and support. We call European and international institutions, foundations, associations to work together to restore the peace in Ukraine!

We hope that you will not only hear, but also do everything possible to protect Ukraine, Europe, and, finally, the whole world from bloody Russian aggression. Everyone who is afraid to oppose is responsible. We asked you yesterday, we ask you today! Major international business, sports associations, governments around the world publicly announced that they stopped any relationship with Russia. We have to speak openly!

We ask you to end any cultural relationships with Russia and stop supporting Russia. We appeal to you to stop relationships with Russia-based institutions.

We call to cancel any cooperation with Russian artists, no matter how great or famous, as long as they openly support Putin's regime, silence its crimes, or do not publicly and directly oppose it.

We ask you to remove representatives affiliated with the Russian state or Russian capital from supervisory and advisory boards of your organizations.

We believe that any kind of dialogue on resuming activities with representatives of Russia in the international cultural community is possible only after the complete liberation of Ukraine from Russian troops, acknowledgement of war crimes conducted towards Ukraine and Ukrainian culture and cultural heritage and statement of repayment of retributions for the damage caused to Ukrainian cultural heritage.

We are really thankful about letters of support and actions you take to support Ukrainian cultural sector. There are already programs available to Ukrainian refugee artists and cultural professionals, but we also need your support in Ukraine. If you ask “how can we help”, the easiest way is donating to cultural organizations such as Ukrainian Cultural Foundation so that we can continue our work and could open programs of support for Ukrainian cultural professionals who remain in Ukraine, so that they continue their work in media field, in protecting and documenting cultural losses, support their families etc.

Ukrainian cultural foundation is designing such programs and we hope international cultural community will support us now as well as our future programs on post-war restoring of Ukrainian culture.

If you wish to contact us for any questions, proposals, please go to [ucf dot in dot ua](mailto:ucf@in.ua) we will be glad to hear from you!

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