



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

June 2, 2019

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to join the My Way Child and Youth Development Center and the Diana Bagrationi Foundation in welcoming everyone to the Silk Road Festival NYC.

New York is the proud home to people who hail from every corner of the map, and our long tradition of welcoming immigrants is reflected in our dynamic performing arts sector. Inspired by the cultural exchange generated along the ancient Silk Road trade route, today's event will highlight music and dance customs from several countries across the Caucasus, Central Asia, and beyond, and feature appearances by professional artists as well as young New Yorkers who take arts education classes at the Brooklyn-based My Way center. In addition to showcasing the rich artistic heritages and talents of our diverse residents, Silk Road Festival NYC will raise vital funding to support pediatric cancer care at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. As you gather to enjoy a series of wonderful performances, I commend everyone associated with organizing this vibrant program, which exemplifies the unparalleled multiculturalism, creativity, and generosity that define the five boroughs. Together, we are forging a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

On behalf of the City of New York, please accept my best wishes for a terrific festival and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill de Blasio'.

Bill de Blasio
Mayor