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To the wonderful musicians of Klänge der Hoffnung,

I was deeply honored to be in Leipzig, sharing the weekend with the city's magnificent cultural citizens – the people and organizations who, like you, are working so hard to put culture in the service of society – and with the many people you are so visibly helping. I thank you profoundly, not only for your many efforts in making this day happen, but also for all of your ongoing work.

Culture is a helper for all of us. Culture helps us to understand our environment, each other, and ourselves. Culture helps us to imagine a better future. Culture helps turn “them” into “us”. These things have never been more important.

Collaboration is a fundamental skill in culture, and it was inspiring to see it in action in Leipzig. I hope we can continue to stay in touch and to think about what we can all do together that we can't do alone.

Warmly,


Yo-Yo Ma

It was such a joy to
hear you play and to be able
to join you to make music in
the spirit of harmony & hope!