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Osijek, February 11, 2022.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Youth Association “Breza” from Osijek is the organizer of the **international festival for children and youth named *LAND WITHOUT BORDERS*** which aims to encourage creativity in children and youth and involve all generations through non-formal learning, science, technology, culture, crafts and arts. The special emphasis of the festival is on the promotion of international cooperation through cultural dialogue and networking, in order to expand knowledge about other cultures and customs and exchange experiences in various fields of work with children and youth. (www.zemljabezgranica.com)

The festival is traditional, it has been held 17 times since 2004. in Osijek. It includes several thousand participants, artists, creatives, volunteers and it is especially adapted to vulnerable groups. Participation in all activities is free of charge so everyone can join, regardless of their socio-economic status.

In the past, it has gathered more than 400 domestic and foreign artists and pedagogical leaders, 200 creatives of various professions, 900 volunteers and 30.000 children and young people. It has become a training ground for the development of new ideas. Countries that have so far contributed to the promotion of their culture are Australia, Brazil, Japan, USA, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Norway, Switzerland, Finland, Hungary, Slovenia, Romania, Latvia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Burkina Faso, Spain, France and Croatia.

The event will take place from 30th of August to 4th of September 2022. Name of the event will be *ZEMLJA “Z” (Planet “Z”)*, given that 2022. is the European Year of Youth and also the Year of Green Cities. Our goal is to draw attention to the protection of nature and green public

spaces, the promotion of healthy lifestyles and tolerant relationships in the community from the perspective of different countries.

Through informal learning about traditional customs and creative expressions of other cultures, we seek to convey the values of global education and the importance of collaborative relationships to younger generations.

We believe that the existence of a family festival in a form of a platform used for connecting different countries, cultural institutions, organizations and individuals with a goal of cooperation in demonstration of the importance of working with children and youth in creating a positive ecological environment is very important and much needed and we hope that you share our vision.

During the festival next year, we would like to promote different cultures and traditions in fields of a healthy lifestyle, gastronomy, and art – by presenting their traditional games with the aim of encouraging children's outdoor activities, demonstrating interesting exercise techniques, healthy cuisine and other habits that contribute to quality living, creative waste management and recycling solutions, as well as artistic and cultural heritage. We would be delighted if you would join us and other participants from different countries.

The Breza Association voluntarily organizes this festival through donations, provides all participants accommodation, meals, technical support, infrastructure, promotion and a part of travel expenses.

If it is possible and you are interested in participating, we would be happy to talk to you further and discuss all the details.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

prof. ped. Suzana Vargović, director

