



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

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Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome all those attending tonight's performance at the Lavelle School for the Blind, hosted by the Harmonia Opera Company.

Since its inception, this company has done remarkable work to uphold Japan's artistic traditions while promoting international dialogue and cultural exchange between our countries. Whether relying on traditional styles or cutting-edge interpretations, the Harmonia Opera Company's terrific performances never fail to awe audiences throughout the five boroughs. What's more, the company is dedicated to giving back to the community through wonderful programs like tonight's philanthropic performance. As we mark the 50th anniversary of the partnership between Tokyo and New York City, it's especially exciting to celebrate Harmonia Opera Company's ongoing efforts to strengthen the relationship between Japan and the United States through their international artistic exchange.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I applaud everyone involved with Harmonia Opera Company for their invaluable contributions to the cultural life of our City and beyond. My best wishes for a wonderful performance and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor