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Dear Mr. S. Hamzeh Ghaith:

On behalf of Naregatsi Art Institute and myself, I am writing to extend my thanks and gratitude to the *Small World UAE* for the grant of USD 7500 that was generously provided to Naregatsi Art Institute. The fund granted will help us pursue our cultural and social mission further, and will allow us to further finance some of our cultural projects we have designed for children. In as much as your grant is a considerable financial support for our institute, it is first and foremost a sign of appreciation of our vision which encourages us to move on further with a greater confidence and enthusiasm.

As a non-profit charity organization established in 2000, Naregatsi Art Institute defines its mission and its *raison d'être* in terms of its commitment to serving arts, promoting artists working in different genres of artistic endeavour, and targets both established artists and newly-emerging artists in need of promotion, as well as artists with disabilities in need of social integration and recognition.

Guided by this mission, the institute has to date actualized a well nigh 3000 cultural events, has published two dozens of valuable CDs, poetry collections and albums; and has initiated a number of high-profile international projects such as, for example, Armenia's first Chamber Music Society (2005), Naregatsi Young Composers Awards (2006), Armenia's first National Baroque Music Festival (2005, 2007), Armenia's First National Festival of Cello Music (2008), Shushi First Hakob Gyurdjian International Sculpture Symposium (2011), among others.

In line with all of this, the activities of the institute also focus on the wellbeing and education of children reflected in some of the projects carried out by us. Among such projects are our Folks Instruments Ensemble comprised of young children of different ages, and the Shushi Center of Naregatsi art Institute in Nagorno Karabakh, where upon the reconstruction of a completely ruined building, local kids take art classes in the center's 13 art clubs free of charge.

The grant donated by the Small World UAE will help us finance further the activities of the Naregatsi Folk Instruments Ensemble, and the art classes in Shushi by thereby also contributing to their uninterrupted pursuance.

Thanking you once again, I am sending you my best regards and gratitude.

Sincerely,

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