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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS CROWN PRINCESS MARGARITA'S MESSAGE
PATRON OF THE ENESCU SOCIETY
ON THE OCCASION OF THE LONDON GALA
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Ladies and gentlemen,

Tonight I am with you in heart and spirit as proud Patron of the Enescu Society created by the Romanian Cultural Institute in London. You are witnessing a moment of significance for Romanian culture: the Enescu Society is celebrating a year of successful projects and launching the Enescu Scholarship initiative that will benefit young and talented musicians. I can only congratulate the Romanian Cultural Institute of London for this splendid initiative and renew my support for the Enescu Society's activities.

Art is the finest expression of a nation's identity and its best ambassador in the world. Supporting the arts has always been a tradition of my family and it represents today one of the most important areas of activity of the Princess Margarita of Romania Foundation.

I have embarked, together with the Enescu Society of London, on a journey leading to the greatest reward of all – international recognition of Romanian values, the nation's musical heritage created by outstanding composers as well as interpreters. I hope that our projects will set an example of cultural leadership, showing Romania as a country that values tradition, embraces modernity and promotes quality in arts at European and international levels.

Enescu once said: "The world must know what my country is like. Wherever I may be, I never forget that this is my foremost duty." I strongly believe that the Enescu Society and the



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Romanian Cultural Institute of London will proudly carry forward this mission and I hope that the music played tonight will go straight to your hearts, just as Enescu thought it should.