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Dear Potential Donor:

The Metropolitan Choral Festival is pleased to announce its **5th season** of bringing classical music opportunities to singers and music lovers in the Denver metropolitan area. This summer's presentation will be Felix Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

We feel a deep connection to this particular work. First, we will be performing it on **Saturday, August 26**, the 171st anniversary of its first performance in London, with Mendelssohn conducting the work himself. Second, the music world in London around that time was changing, in that, amateur singers were desiring the opportunity to sing large-scale works with professional orchestras and soloists. The oratorio became the vehicle which enabled these amateur musicians to do just that. *Elijah* was one of the first oratorios performed with amateur singers. This kind of experience is the essence of the Metropolitan Choral Festival. Amateur (non-auditioned) singers will be coming together from all over the Denver metro area to perform one of the most significant choral works of the 19th century. We will once again be drawing from CSO musicians for our 40+ piece orchestra. Featured soloists this year will be Steven Taylor - bass, James Baumgardner - tenor, Lee Ann Scherlong - Alto and Pearl Rutherford - Soprano.

It is only with your generous support that we are able to continue offering these musical treasures to the Denver community free of charge. The cost of presenting this summer's concert is approximately \$20,000, which includes the music, professional orchestra and soloists and other associated fees.

Unfortunately, we lost our main donor support through a tragic plane crash. This donor underwrote about half of our budget every year. With that loss, we are faced with a great challenge — to raise about \$10,000. We are counting on your generosity to help us make up this shortfall.

Your contribution to the MCF (a 501(c)(3) Organization) is tax deductible and you will receive a receipt for your donation. You and/or your firm will be recognized in the program for the event. You are welcome to send us your logo and photo-ready ad that may be featured in the program.

We sincerely appreciate your support.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Kunle Taiwo".

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