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Dear Sindaco Flavio Tosi

I'm writing to you in my role as Secretary General of Trans Europe Halles, a Europe based network of 85 independent cultural centres situated in 30 countries. This letter concerns the cultural centre Interzona in Verona, an active and contributing member of our network.

Thanks to you so generously letting Interzona inhabit warehouse #22 free of charge, Verona and the region has profited from being able to provide a professional and inviting venue providing music lovers, with both Italian and international performances and cultural experiences of high quality and novelty. The fact that Interzona as organization exists purely on volunteer work, adds to the impression of a place skillfully run by dedicated citizens of Verona.

In the current situation of needing to empty the building that in many respects has been renovated into a perfect place for modern live music, we are thankful that you together with the Fondazione has promised to find a space to substitute the current residence of Interzona, warehouse #22.

We want to stress the importance of finding a good solution as soon as possible so the activities can continue.

This is important in order for the Interzona volunteers to see the relevance of holding on, whereby their acquired skills can contribute to establishing a new venue. The same goes for Interzonas' audience whose loyalty Interzona is dependent on.

Our many members' varied stories bear witness of the immense impact cultural centres like Interzona, locally as well transnationally have all over

Europe. In challenging times culture repeatedly acts a platform that unites differences and by offering collaboration and international exchange possibilities, can provide valuable perspectives to young people. This is, in by far the most cases, only possible where public bodies contribute by offering spaces or supporting the activities otherwise.

We look forward to following the development of Interzonas replacement and to visit Interzona during our 82<sup>nd</sup> network meeting taking place in Interzona late October.

With kind regards

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