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## TO THE ATTENTION OF TURKEY UNESCO NATIONAL COMMISSION PRESIDENCY

The UNESCO Creative Cities Network was created by UNESCO in 2004 and is an initiative that brings together cities from different regions with different income levels, capacity and population to work in the field of creative industries.

Turkish Folk Music has a very important place in Urfa Folklore, which is the city where the civilization was born. A work belonging to this region can be recognized very easily because of its attitude, accent, and modal characteristics.

Great masters such as Kazancı Bedih, Kel Hamza, Bakır Yurtsever, Cemil Cankat, Mukim Tahir, Tenekeci Mahmut and İbrahim Tatlıses made very significant contributions to popularity and spreading of Urfa Folk Music.

We believe that labor and economic power are needed to transfer this cultural heritage to future generations.

If we want to describe Şanlıurfa with a few topic titles, one of these titles should definitely be music. If an extensive research is done, it will be seen that the musical culture has spread from Urfa to Earth. As it has been scientifically determined that Urfa is the first city in which human beings have settled down, it suggests that music, which is one of the basic needs of man, must have also started with this date. Because, it is a scientific fact that the history of music has existed along with the history of humanity.

If we receive the UNESCO Music City certificate, which will be a spiritual support for our national and local artists from Şanlıurfa, our music sector will gain international momentum and it will provide our country in general and our city and region locally with material and spiritual values.

We are fully convinced that if Şanlıurfa becomes a member of Creative Cities Network, it will both develop its own potential and bring a new breath to the world culture.

We would like to state that we are supporting the candidacy of the city, which has set out to share its treasured culture and music with the whole humanity, for UNESCO's Creative Cities Network. We also would like to be informed about the projects that can be developed within the scope of this process and take an active role in the process.

**On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Music Singers Professional Association**

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