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Dear Friends,

In October 2018 at the Charles Hotel in Cambridge, MA, over 300 people heard us describe our goal to create an inspirational center of culture, education, and especially music at Nelahozeves in the Czech Republic. The renovation of the Antonín Dvořák Birth House is the first critical step to meet this goal.

With your help, in the spring of 2024, Dvořák's Birth House will be transformed and opened as an international musical heritage site with an inspiringly conceived public museum, with dedicated music education courses, workshops, concerts, and community enrichment programs for all ages.

Leadership gifts in the quiet phase for the Dvořák Birth House capital campaign have been very generous. We have raised 60% of our goal of \$6 million, including gifts ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000. Over 30% of the funds raised have come from individuals and institutions in the Czech Republic and other European private and state donors. As we make the final preparations to begin construction in January 2023, we must raise the remaining 40% of the projected costs over the next 18 months.

We hope you enjoy **this short testimonial video** from world-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma during his first historic visit to the Dvořák Birth House in September 2021. His heartfelt endorsement through his music and words is an inspiration for us all.

At this final critical stage, we ask, in addition to your continuing annual support for which we are always grateful, that you please consider a generous capital gift this year to help us make this world musical landmark a permanent reality.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for joining us on this exhilarating journey of inspiration, hope, and community. If you would like to discuss the Dvořák project in more detail, please reach out to our Prague Partnerships & Fundraising Director, Barbara Starostová, at barbara.starostova@lobkowitz.cz.

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