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Dear Alumni of the Yale Russian Chorus,

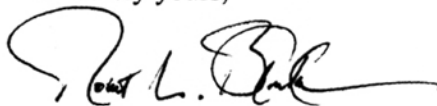
On the occasion of your 50th anniversary the Yale School of Music extends warmest greetings and heartiest congratulations. The contributions of the Yale Russian Chorus to music, to peace, and to this institution are significant.

Cultural leadership has been a hallmark of your organization. Certainly the enhanced understanding and appreciation of your diverse cultures has, through the years, enabled national leaders and ordinary citizens to value tolerance and respect over rhetoric and boundaries. The Yale Russian Chorus has been profoundly influential in that regard.

Obviously, the joy you give to all who hear you sing is eclipsed only by your pleasure in singing! Sharing the musical treasures of Russia is indeed a privilege for the chorus and the audience. My hope is that the Yale Russian Chorus continues this legacy and ensures the centennial celebration.

With gratitude for your musical offerings, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Robert L. Blocker
The Lucy and Henry Moses
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