

Ljubljana, 5 November 2025

Dear Mr Mamdani, Mayor-elect of New York,

Please accept my sincere congratulations on your election as Mayor of New York. Your success marks an inspiring moment not only for the United States, but also for many of us in Europe who value social responsibility, cultural openness, and the empowerment of diverse communities.

At Seviqc festival in Slovenia – one of Europe's longstanding festivals dedicated to historically informed performance of early music – we believe deeply in culture as a bridge between people, nations, and ideas. Your commitment to inclusivity, cultural access, and public good resonates strongly with our mission and with the values that sustain vibrant cultural life across continents.

It would be an honour in the future to explore opportunities for cultural exchange and dialogue, fostering artistic collaboration between New York and Slovenia in the spirit of shared creativity and global cultural citizenship.

I wish you wisdom, courage, and success as you embark on your term of office, and trust that your leadership will continue to inspire positive change both locally and internationally.

With highest respect,

Klemen Ramovš Seviqc festival Artistic Director