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Joseba Asiron Saez
Mayor of Pamplona

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the city of Pamplona, I would like to extend a warm welcome to invited bands from the USA, coming to partake in **IFOBand (International Festival of Bands) PAMPLONA**, celebrating the centenary of the Pamplona Band, "La Pamplonesa ", from the 5th to 9th of June 2019.

Founded in 1919, La Pamplonesa is Pamplona's municipal music band and plays a major role in all the city's official festivals, as well as an active schedule of concerts throughout the year. Annually, they help welcome the Three Wise Men in the parade on January 5th, set the mood for Holy Week and, of course, keeps things lively and festive during Los San Fermines.

This International Festival of bands is a non-competitive event and will include concerts in top-notch venues, such as the Teatro Goyarri and the El Baluarte auditorium as well as outdoor stages at Town Hall Square and Plaza del Castillo. There will be ample opportunity to meet with bands from Europe, attend workshops with prominent international conductors and composers and enjoy the hospitality of the Navarra region.

While Pamplona has achieved international notoriety thanks to Ernest Hemingway's fascination with and descriptions of the thrilling Running of the Bulls in his novels, this otherwise tranquil city is without a doubt much more than the edge-of-your-seat, bull dashing frenzy that often seems to define it. The winding streets of the compact city center not only host the clamoring bulls for one week each July, but are also home to plenty of history, architectural treasures, pretty plazas, quaint shops and delightful cafés.

I sincerely hope that you will consider this opportunity to join us for IFOB PAMPLONA and would like to extend my personal welcome to you and your ensemble.

Joseba Asiron Saez
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