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Celebration of Dance Day (April 29th 2020)

Let's drink to the dance!

In Italy when we want to celebrate and toast to something, we say “alla salute!” (“to the health!”) while we are lifting the goblets. If we have to celebrate something of someone else, we just change the object of the exclamation, and we say “to Chiara!”, “to the Family” ... it's the equivalent of the American expression “cheers!”.

On April 29th, we'll celebrate the dance all around the world, so I propose a global “cheers” to the dance... “Let's drink to the Dance!”. I propose this because dance is not only our job or our passion, it's our life. Especially in these difficult times, we want to wish good health to all the people that surround us, and for us a life full of health and joy it's a life full of dance!

My idea is to involve in this project not only dancers, but also “normal people” because dance is an important part of being humans in general. Everybody has danced once in their life... it doesn't matter if it was just one time... everybody dances for joy, for praying, for love...

So I propose a social lifting of the goblets all around the world saying “Let's drink to dance!”, as a way to say thank you to this beautiful form of art and to wish health and hope to all the people of the world. Anybody can post a video, a photo, a message on social media using this slogan (and maybe using a hashtag like #LETS DRINK TO THE DANCE, or #LDTD). Then the idea is to create a collage with these, accompanied by the music of Verdi's opera *La Traviata* “Libiamo ne' lieti calici”, the most beautiful aria on this special topic. It's a little thing, but maybe a little thing that can gather people round the world and make them feel close one with each other.

Hoping that you could find nice this idea.

Best regards,

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