

## River of Music

I love culture festivals for the great music and the wide array of interesting people. There is nothing like the joy expressed by individuals of all ages and walks of life enjoying themselves among art and music. SGI President Ikeda says: "It is the creation of art and music, coming from the depths of our lives, which expresses the rich spirit of a people or an age and communicates itself directly to the hearts of all humankind.... Art is a weapon for realizing peace. It is also an expression of supreme victory in life. Every drop of sweat shed of the sake of art adds to the river of human peace and culture. I pay respect to artists several times, tens of times more than I do to politicians or those in the economic sector."

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