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Irmgard Schleier

Dear Winnie Mandela,

on behalf of many artists in Europe and the whole world
I want to express our deep solidarity with the fight for
freedom of your people.

I kindly ask you to consider a request by us for a special
event in Hamburg, West-Germany.

For August/September 1986 my friends and I are preparing
a "Festival of Woman" to which many well known female artists
from all over the world will come to our town.

We want to dedicate the opening concert with female singers
from five continents to you, Winnie Mandela.

Please, let me give you some informations of our previous
activities.: Last year in Hamburg we organized a "Concert
for a Friend - Free Nelson Mandela !" with the best German
jazz-musicians and Abdullah Ibrahim. Bishop Tutu, who happened
to be in Hamburg, made a very moving speech; one of our most
famous actress read from your book, which is published in
our country; the net-revenues of the concert went to refugee
children of your people. The concert was broadcasted in full
length, 3 1/2 hours, including all speeches and texts.

We hope that it was a modest contribution to the fight for
Nelson Mandela's freedom and the fight of your people.

In the previous years we have arranged many concerts for
peace and the freedom of all people through our organization
P.A.N.D. (Performers and Artists for Nuclear Disarmament),
which is presided by Harry Belafonte. We had audiences of
hundred-thousands of peoples in big sport-arenas, who have
heard the message.

We are continuing this work with our new initiative "Festival
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of Woman", which is independent from political parties and organized by female artists. We have the same motto as the **UNO** World Conference of Women in Nairobi: Against apartheid, hunger and poverty - for peace and disarmament.

Our Festival is officially supported by the city's government and it's cultural office.

The opening concert will be in the heart of our town on the huge place before the city-hall with many thousands expected to come on Aug.23, 1986. It is dedicated especially to the fight for freedom of the people of South-Africa and Winnie Mandela. Female singers from Africa, Latin-America, Asia and Europe are going to appear. The media will report about this event nation-wide and beyond the German borders.

We want officially invite you to our Festival, though we know, that you cannot come. But we hope for your support. Many female singers are going to perform as Mercedes Sosa from Argentine, "the voice of Latin-America" with songs against oppression in the whole world; Maria Farantouri from Greece, who became a symbol of resistance against the former Fascist regime; Isabel Parra from Chile, who is exiled; Giovanna Marini from Italy with songs against Fascism and war; and other artists from socialist countries. The singers from your people will be invited by us and Tony Seedat, the representative of the ANC in Bonn.

Moreover, Coretta King, USA and the writer Simone de Beauvoir, France, are invited to make speeches. The best German actresses will do the translations.

The revenues of the concert will be passed on to the refugees of your people - in cooperation with the ANC.

Beside that, prominent artists will announce, that they're 'adopting' imprisoned and persecuted people in South-Africa to promote their freedom.

This Festival will continue our activities of solidarity with the fight against apartheid. Several ways of support from your side are possible:

an adress by you to our Festival of Woman, which can be read by a representative of the ANC. It is important for the German public to know, why the apartheid government holds back your exit or might prevent you from re-entering your country.

a speech, taped on cassette, which we could play to the audience.

or - and this would be the best and could be realized by us - a little film or video with a statement of yours which could be projected on a big screen before the audience and as well could be broadcasted by television.

A greater public than before would understand by this message, that the Botha regime has to be isolated. And we could collect a greater sum to support the fight of the South-African people.

All our activities are made in close cooperation with the representatives of the ANC in the Federal Republic of Germany.

We hope to hear from you and greet you, Winnie Mandela, your family and friends with deep sympathy and love.

Peace and love

Irmgard Schleier

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*Film on Winnie Mandela
by Peter Davis tel 914434559*

*Winnie speaks about the problems
of women in SA.*

Suggested by Paul Joseph.