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I am delighted to extend my congratulations to the members of the Keshet Chain Dance Ensemble as you participate in the third Moscow International Solomon Mikhoels' Art Festival.

Dance is a celebration of the human spirit, a dynamic art that transcends the boundaries of language, ethnicity, and nationality. I applaud each of you for your commitment to sharing the rich culture and history of Judaism through this wonderful art form. America enjoys a vibrant artistic legacy in no small measure because we have benefited from a wealth of backgrounds and traditions, and you have made great contributions to this legacy. I am confident that both the United States and the spirit of Judaism will be well represented by your ensemble at this year's festival.

Best wishes for a memorable and exciting experience.

Bill Clinton