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Message from Honourable Alison M. Redford, QC Premier of Alberta

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my great pleasure to welcome everyone to the Edmonton Verdi Festival.

Like nothing else, music demonstrates the importance of culture in our lives. Giuseppe Verdi gave us some of the most stirring, dramatic, graceful, magisterial and beautiful music ever written. Whatever its mood or tempo, his work remains as astonishingly alive as the day he wrote it.

The men and women of Alberta's Italian-Canadian community have always shared their cultural legacy with a degree of pride and generosity that has inspired admiration among Albertans of every cultural background. In celebrating the life of Giuseppe Verdi, the Edmonton Verdi Festival reminds us all that there is no better reason to celebrate than life itself.

My thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers, organizers and supporters of the National Congress of Italian-Canadians, Edmonton District, and the Celebrating Italian Families of Edmonton Society for all your hard work in putting together this gala and series of musical events to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of composer Giuseppe Verdi.

Enjoy the evening!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Alison Redford".

Alison M. Redford, QC

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