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To V.V.Radayev,
Governor of Saratov Region, Russia

The International Theatre Institute, worldwide organization for the Performing Arts, want to express our concern about the situation with the dismissal of Valery Nickolayevich Raykov, theatre manager of one of the prominent Russian theatres, Saratov Youth Theatre.

We have learned that the dismissal was made without any reasons. Valery Nickolayevich Raykov is internationally well known as a true enthusiast of theatre work. Under his leadership Saratov Youth Theatre has developed a very high artistic quality.

We have been reached by national and international protest from among others Professional Guild of Theatre Managers of Russia, Theatre Union of Russia, employees of Saratov Youth Theatre and prominent international theatre people.

We want to join the Russian centre of the International Theatre Institute in its protest and request to reinstate V.N.Raykov in the position of theatre manager.

We regard this arbitrary decision; made against the wishes of the theatre company, to be a violation of the freedom of the arts. We urge the authorities to start a constructive dialogue with the theatre and to listen to all the voices from the international theatre community.

Yours Sincerely

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