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Dimash Kudaibergen Becomes 1st Kazakh Artist to Participate in SCI Presidential Inauguration Celebrations in the U.S.

Sister Cities International (SCI) is proud to announce that Dimash Kudaibergen will be performing at the SCI Presidential Inaugural Celebration on January 17th, 2021.

“We are beyond thrilled and excited that Dimash will be joining our SCI family to formally recognize President-Elect Joe Biden and the incoming administration,” said Leroy Allala, President and CEO of Sister Cities International. “His participation in our event further strengthens the ties between Kazakhstan and the United States.” This will be the first time in SCI’s 67-year history and since U.S./KZ relations began (almost 30 years ago) that an artist from Kazakhstan has collaborated with a U.S. organization for such an occasion.

Sister Cities International’s Inaugural event will include the participation of the diplomatic corps and launches our week of presidential inaugural celebrations. Due to the current pandemic, this year’s event will be held virtually on Sunday, January 17th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM EST. Since SCI’s founding in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower, each president has been recognized as its honorary co-chair. With this coming inauguration, President-Elect Joe Biden will be named as the honorary chairman for Sister Cities International.

Dimash Kudaibergen is a Kazakh singer and songwriter who is university trained in classical, as well as contemporary music. Truly an international artist, he has performed songs in twelve different languages. He has received several awards such as the Pop Concert of the Year Award for his solo concert “Arnau” by the Annual Ticketon Awards in the Field of Culture, Art and Sports in Almaty, Kazakhstan. He also was the first-ever artist to premiere an all-Kazakh song on USA MTV’s YT Streaming Channel and was named Hotshot of the Year.

Dimash has represented his country and his people all over the world. As his country’s unofficial global ambassador, many consider him a national treasure. SCI welcomes him and looks forward to using the symbolism of his performance to build a stronger bridge of citizen diplomacy, as well as demonstrating the deepening of ties between the two nations. Given Dimash’s global visibility and commitment to citizen diplomacy, he aligns very well with Sister Cities International’s mission and global network.

More information regarding the inaugural celebration and Dimash Kudaibergen’s participation can be found on the website at <https://sistercities.org/sci-presidential-inauguration/>.

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About Sister Cities International

Founded as a Presidential Initiative by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, Sister Cities International serves as the national membership organization for 350 member communities with over 1,800 partnerships in more than 137 countries on six continents around the world. The Sister City network unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomat volunteers who work tirelessly to promote the organizations’ mission of creating world peace and understanding through programs and projects focusing on arts and culture, youth and education, business and trade, and community development.