

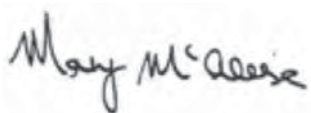
MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT MARY McALEESE



UACHTARÁN NA hÉIREANN
PRESIDENT OF IRELAND



I am delighted to send my warmest greetings to the Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra for its tour of China in July 2010. There are strong and thriving cultural relations between Ireland and China and the Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra will contribute to enriching and enhancing these links. The universal language of music allows positive connections between these two very different cultures and I send my best wishes to the wonderful musicians and support team of the Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra as they bring their great talent to new audiences in China.



MARY McALEESE
PRESIDENT OF IRELAND
9th October, 2009