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EDITORIAL / C.O.P Gironde – Art in the Service of Life

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“We have art in order not to die from the truth.”
— Friedrich Nietzsche

This quotation is neither a slogan nor an intellectual posture.

For **C.O.P Gironde**, an independent and voluntarily non-subsidized musical association, it expresses a concrete, lived, simple and deeply human reality.

We do not see ourselves as Friedrich Nietzsche.

We do not seek to give lessons.

We claim no absolute truth.

But we make a factual observation.

*** Telling the truth without attacking people**

Some truths are disturbing.

Not because they are false, but because they unsettle local comforts, established habits and collective silences that are sometimes preferred.

When it comes to health, the environment and human vulnerability, there is a temptation to look away, to minimize or to postpone the discussion.

C.O.P Gironde attacks no one.

We judge neither individuals, professions nor elected officials.

But we refuse to let present-day comfort prevail over the protection of life.

*** Life before power, always**

Our approach is neither partisan nor ideological.

It is not about influence or electoral posturing, even during election periods.

It is based on a simple and constant conviction:

the protection of life must always take precedence over the preservation of power, balance or short-term interests.

Because children's health is not a campaign issue.

Because living beings are not an argument.

Because some responsibilities go beyond calendars.

*** A voice grounded in science, not opinion**

When addressing environmental causes of certain serious diseases, particularly pediatric cancers, we do not relay rumors or impressions.

We choose to share the work of researchers, physicians and scientists whose rigor and integrity are recognized. Not “local opinion,” however respectable, but established scientific data, often known by specialists and still insufficiently shared with the public.

Informing is not accusing.

Sharing knowledge is not frightening.

Preventing is not condemning.

*** An ethical requirement above all**

When it comes to life — and even more so the lives of children and pregnant women — the issue is neither political nor ideological: it is ethical.

This ethical requirement guides all our choices:

tone, words, images and methods.

It demands restraint, rigor, respect and the refusal of any form of instrumentalization.

*** Art as a space for human truth**

If we choose music, singing, poetry and imagery,

it is not to soften the truth,

but to make it audible without brutality, shareable without violence and transmissible without fear.

Art does not replace science or democratic debate.

It simply allows truth to remain livable, human and in the service of life.

*** An assumed singularity, without arrogance**

It is a fact that few associations today dare to address these issues publicly, independently and without subsidies. Not due to a lack of goodwill, but because these questions touch areas of collective discomfort.

C.O.P Gironde embraces this singularity without provocation, radicalism or pride, out of a sense of responsibility and respect for families and future generations.

T * o change everything, we must sing, we must love

We believe that truth has value only when carried with respect.

That art is a way to speak without dividing.

And that protecting life also means protecting human conscience.

C.O.P Gironde will therefore continue, humbly and freely,

to place art at the service of life,

to choose truth over comfort,

and to put ethics and the protection of living beings above any logic of power.

* Because yes,

we have art so as not to die from the truth,

and so that this truth may always remain at the service of life.

*** Note of meaning**

The ribbon shown in this image (at the head of the editorial) is a universal symbol. Lit by the sun, it follows the rivers like a message of life, reminding us that behind words, debates and figures, there are children, families, human beings and a shared living world to protect.

It points to no side, accuses no one and carries no political or electoral stance.

The QR code freely links to our independent musical association's website, for those who wish to understand our approach, in a spirit of transparency, independence and responsibility in the service of life.



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