



Greetings from the President of Iceland

Snæfellsnes peninsula in West Iceland is a showcase of natural wonders. The glorious colours of its diverse volcanoes, the crystal majesty of the glacier, green grass and moss-covered lava fields, the bay with countless islands and skerries, and wide open spaces as far as the eye can see.

The home of the Snær School Windband is really like a symphony of creation, a very apt setting for young musicians to bring greetings from Iceland to England.

When the brass resounds, the flutes sing and the drums beat, we seem to sense the forces of nature accompanying them, and our imaginations are given free rein: volcanoes, glaciers, swirling seas, colonies of seabirds and lively communities.

In recent years young musicians have been enriching Icelandic culture in a variety of ways. The Snær School Windband is a fine representative of the way in which young people's artistic activity has been developing in Iceland.

I wish the band an enjoyable tour and send my best wishes to England, which fostered me well when I went to university there around the time that the Beatles and other young people were revolutionising modern music.

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