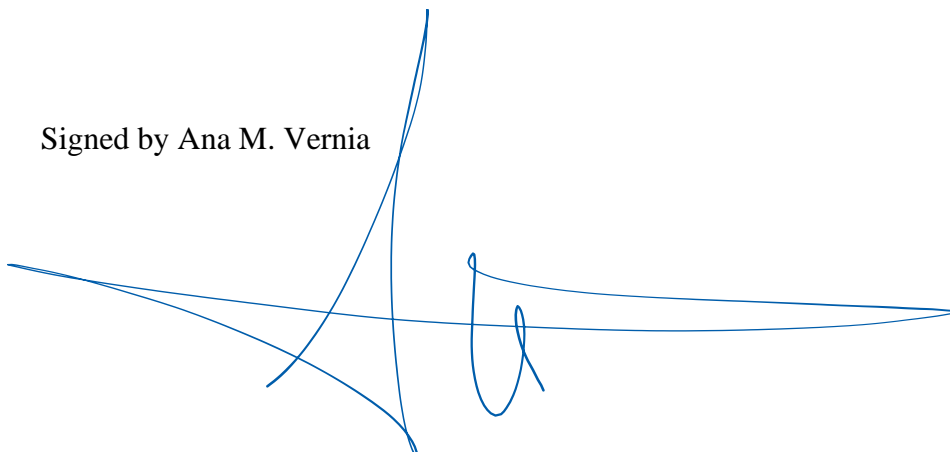


## **PERSONAL STATEMENT BY THE NOMINEE**

Currently, music education, more than the value of music itself, is a social benefit, for entrepreneurship and for the quality of life. Music is capable of structuring all the Sustainable Development Goals, starting with the 4 SDG and going through all the others. The ISME (International Society for Music Education) is currently the organization that represents Music Education in the world, in all educational spheres and contexts, that is why it is so important to give it the value it deserves, as well as all its activities and actions. . In this sense, I believe that the importance of musical education and training should continue to be emphasized, as a right for all people and. in all areas and contexts, also taking into account the values of UNESCO. From SEM-EE (Society for Musical Education in Spain), and as president, we take the value, the example and the model that ISME gives us, and therefore we also urge the different governments to improve educational quality, taking as foundation to Music Education, avoiding any type of social and educational exclusion.

Music education is a right not only for children, but also for young people, adults and the elderly, and organizations such as ISME and SEM-EE must support and promote that music education and training reaches all people.

Signed by Ana M. Vernia

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized representation of the name 'Ana M. Vernia'.

In Spain, November 16, 2021