

LES GRANDS BALLETS

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CONSTANCE V. PATHY STEPS DOWN AS PRESIDENT OF LES GRANDS BALLETS

Montreal, September 6, 2019 – It is with considerable emotion that Les Grands Ballets announces the decision of Madam Constance V. Pathy not to renew her mandate as member and president of the company's board of directors at the next annual general assembly, to take place on October 22.

“Since the beginning of my involvement with Les Grands Ballets, forty years ago, I have strongly believed that the company should strive for excellence and assume a leadership role within the cultural life of Montreal. I am proud of how the company has evolved, and that it performs to critical acclaim on stages around the world. Les Grands Ballets demonstrates to us, day after day, that art has transformative powers, whether by way of its breathtaking shows or through other major projects like the Nutcracker Fund for Children and the National Centre for Dance Therapy. My warmest thanks to the exceptional volunteer leaders with whom I've had the privilege of collaborating and who provided me with their support, as well as to the entire team, working tirelessly for the success of the company. More than anything, I wish to thank the magnificent dancers, the heart and soul of Les Grands Ballets, whose artistic excellence enhances the reputation of the institution. Long live Les Grands Ballets!”

Constance V. Pathy

Constance V. Pathy is recognized as one of the country's great philanthropists, and her collaboration has had a major bearing on the ascent of Les Grands Ballets to the summit of its artistry.

As a patron of the arts, discreet, loyal and passionate, her sustained volunteer activity has been recognized by numerous distinctions, including the Governor General's Award, and appointments to the Ordre national du Québec, the Order of Canada and the Ordre des arts et des lettres du Québec.

Madam Pathy's commitment to Les Grands Ballets began in 1978, when she joined its board of directors, becoming president in 1989. Her extraordinary contribution developed Les Grands Ballets into a company of international renown, and her exceptional involvement and her generosity additionally made it possible for Les Grands Ballets to take up residence in new quarters worthy of their reputation, their own building in the heart of Montreal's Quartier des spectacles, in 2017.

On behalf of the members of the board of directors, the artists and the employees, Les Grands Ballets extends its most heartfelt thanks to Madam Pathy.

Maurice Côté elected president of Les Grands Ballets

Les Grands Ballets is at the same time pleased to announce the election of Mr. Maurice Côté, Regional Vice President, Investment and Retirement Planning – Québec, Royal Bank of Canada, as president of the company's board of directors. His term of office will begin as of October 22.

"I am so grateful to Madam Pathy for her commitment to the arts in general and to Les Grands Ballets in particular," Mr. Côté stated. "This exceptional woman, who has done and given so much for the company over three decades, deserves our greatest admiration and our deepest gratitude. It is a privilege and a great responsibility to follow in her footsteps at the helm of Les Grands Ballets' Board of Directors, and I thank the members of the board for their trust in me. Having been trained myself at the École supérieure de ballet du Québec and pursued a career as a dancer both in this country and abroad, I am very much aware that this company is one of a kind. Which is why I pledge – alongside the directors, the artists and the entire team – to make every effort so that the company successfully carries on with its mission and projects and continues to enrich the cultural scene here and elsewhere."

At the conclusion of his career in dance, Maurice Côté undertook a career in the financial sector, one that he has enjoyed for 30 years with RBC. Campaign chair for the GRIS-Montréal on a number of occasions, Mr. Côté was a director and secretary of the board of the Léger Foundation for over 15 years and is a member of the board of the Douglas Foundation. At Les Grands Ballets, Maurice Côté has been a member of the board of directors since 2006 and vice-president since 2014.

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