

LES GRANDS BALLETS ANNOUNCES AN EXCEPTIONAL DONATION TOWARD ITS MOVE TO THE MONTREAL CORE

Montreal, April 27, 2016 – With its major fundraising campaign for Wilder Building Espace Danse in Montreal well under way, Les Grands Ballets is delighted to announce an exceptional \$13-million donation from Ms. Constance Pathy, President of the company's Board of Directors. This is the largest gift yet to the joint campaign conducted by Les Grands Ballets in partnership with Tangente, the École de danse contemporaine de Montréal and Agora de la danse, and chaired by Ms. Danièle Henkel. The campaign's objective is to raise \$25.8 million.

One address, the best of dance and more

Les Grands Ballets will have its own building at Wilder Building Espace danse, a project that will round out the offerings of Montréal's Quartier des spectacles in 2017 and infuse it with new energy. The renovated and expanded complex will be equipped with infrastructures meeting international standards: equipment and facilities that are indispensable for strengthening Montreal's and the province's position as global hubs of dance creation and innovation. As a centre dedicated to the well-being of all citizens, Wilder Building Espace danse will also provide a number of artistic, educational and healthcare activities for the general public.

“I have seen firsthand how Les Grands Ballets has grown in every way,” enthused Ms. Pathy. “I am very proud to have contributed to the company’s unprecedented development, which was built on its excellence, innovative vision and international reputation. I wanted to give this remarkable company a remarkable gift to guarantee its future, and I would now like to invite everyone in the community to join us in supporting the company’s vision and its efforts to “move the world differently.”



Constance V. Pathy and enlightened volunteerism

An accomplished musician, **Ms. Pathy** has two degrees from McGill University, one in cello and another in viola da gamba. A music connoisseur and dance lover, she has been the President of the Les Grands Ballets Board of Directors since 1989. In 1978, Ms. Pathy founded Brome Beaux-Arts in the Eastern Townships region, an organization she still heads today. She also sits on the boards of directors of the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal and McGill University Faculty of Music Advisory Board. She has received numerous awards and distinctions in recognition of her philanthropic activities, including the Governor General's Award for Voluntarism in the Performing Arts in 2004, the Ordre national du Québec in 2006, the Order of Canada in 2014 and an honorary doctorate from McGill University in 2015.

For decades Ms. Pathy has poured her heart and soul into a wide range of Québec and Canadian cultural institutions. Now for the first time, she has agreed to step out of the shadows. With this donation, she hopes not only to support the fundraising campaign, but also to encourage others to invest in this major undertaking.

On its own behalf and on behalf of all Espace danse partners, Les Grands Ballets wishes to express its deep gratitude and sincere appreciation to Ms. Pathy. The major gifts campaign is currently under way. **For more information or to donate to the campaign, please visit edificewilderespacedanse.com**

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