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## LES GRANDS BALLETS CANADIENS DE MONTRÉAL LAUNCHES A COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS DECORATION

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**Montréal, November 11, 2009** – Next week, Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal will launch a collection of Christmas decorations inspired by characters from *The Nutcracker*—the King of Sweets, the Snow Queen, the Nutcracker, the Spaniards and the Cotton Candy Angels—designed by Jean-Daniel Pilon. Ten copies of five original models of wreaths and centrepieces will be on sale, with proceeds going to Les Grands Ballets. The launch will be held on **Thursday, November 19, from 6 to 9 p.m.**, at **Les Grands Ballets' studios**, 4816 Rivard Street.

Made from artificial fir and pine branches, the **King of Sweets** series is inspired by the character's brightly-coloured costume, with a sense of mischief and fun. The silvery fir and deer, ice branches, crystal balls and snowflakes in the **Snow Queen** collection represent the crisp cold and glistening ice of a white Christmas. The **Nutcracker** series is all about tradition—its fir with frosted berries, red poinsettias and Burberry-tartan balls evoking the warmth of home and family. The **Spaniards** collection conveys the enchantment of Christmas with luminous black-and-silver balls, sequins and black bows. The series inspired by the **Cotton Candy Angels**, with golden oak leaves amidst greenery and coppery beads, offers a unique, refined take on the holiday season. The entire collection is guaranteed to add colour, joy and light to your home!

Well-known Montréal interior designer **Jean-Daniel Pilon** works in both the residential and commercial sectors. Since founding his company (Les Productions Jean-Daniel Pilon) in 1996, he has won numerous awards, including the Best Design Award at the Boston Home Show (2003 and 2004), and in Vancouver (2003 and 2004), along with the Grand Prize at the Institute of Design Montréal Awards in 2004, not to mention prizes garnered at the Salon international du design intérieur de Montréal (SIDIM).

Those interested in viewing the collection are invited to the launch on **November 19**. Organizing Committee members Isabelle de Gaspé Beaubien, Christiane Hachey and Frédéric Henry will be present.

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