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HYMNE À L'AMOUR: THE GRANDS BALLETS' ANNUAL GALA ON APRIL 28

A not-to-be-missed evening, with dance and beauty galore!

Montreal, April 25, 2018 – This Saturday, April 28, will see the **annual benefit gala of the Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal**, chaired by **Claude Gagnon, President, Operations, BMO Financial Group, Québec**, and **Édénne, high jeweler and president of Maison Édénne**, at UNIPRIX Stadium in Jarry Park. An important event on Montreal's philanthropic calendar, the Gala will take place this year on the theme *Hymne à l'amour* (A Hymn to Love).

A flagship event

Over **500 guests** are expected at this coveted Montreal evening, whose goal this edition is to raise **\$700,000**. Proceeds will go towards funding creation, something that lies at the heart of the mandate of the Grands Ballets and of its artistic director, **Ivan Cavallari**.

The Gala will kick off with a champagne reception that includes canapés from Vincent Lafleur and oysters offered by Belon, and a gourmet dinner will follow. Guests will have the pleasure of seeing the Grands Ballets dancers serve up a unique program, created specifically for the Gala, as well as mixing with them throughout the evening.

The party will continue to the rhythm of Paul Chacra's 1945 Band, while adding to the general delight will be the raffling-off of 1,000 prizes. We should also mention the draw for three grand prizes during the evening: a wardrobe for men with a value of \$7,500, courtesy of **Finezza**; airfare for two to Europe in business class offered by **Air France** and worth \$8,000; and the *Arabesque* ring created especially for the Grands Ballets by the prestige jeweler **Édénne**, with a value of \$12,000. Jura will serve coffee, and guests will get to enjoy candy floss from Europea.

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Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal is a world-renowned creation, production and performance company, dedicated to the development of ballet in all its forms, while remaining faithful to the spirit of classical technique. It connects with audiences at home and abroad, spurring discovery, stirring emotion, stimulating the imagination and conveying the passion for dance. **Les Grands Ballets strives for excellence and embodies openness, creativity and audacity in an inspired vision of society.**

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La compagnie bénéficie du soutien du **Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec**, du **Conseil des Arts du Canada** et du **Conseil des arts de Montréal**.

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