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MAJOR DONATION OF 2.2 MILLION FOR LE DOMAINE FORGET DE CHARLEVOIX

Montréal, Tuesday, February 20th, 2018 – Le Domaine Forget de Charlevoix is proud to announce that it has received an exceptional donation of \$ 2.2 million from The Azrieli Foundation, in support of its mission of excellence. This substantial donation will enable the institution to develop new arts training programs, support ongoing initiatives and ensure that the International Academy of Music and Dance remains accessible to talented musicians.

The President of the Board of Directors of Le Domaine Forget de Charlevoix, Mrs. Louise St-Pierre, states that for over 40 years, "the institution has relentlessly pursued its evolution by adapting to the needs of its community. Mrs. St-Pierre notes that the annual budget of more than \$ 3.5 million comes from 75% of autonomous revenue, donations and sponsorships. "This performance, which is quite remarkable for a regional cultural organization, is made possible by committed administrators, dedicated directors, and also the invaluable contribution of many partners and collaborators whom I wish to thank in particular.»

Mr. Paul Lafleur, president of the fundraising campaign, confirms that the exceptional donation from the Azrieli Foundation will create the Azrieli Arts Development Fund and that Le Domaine Forget conveys its profound recognition to the Azrieli family for their generosity. "On behalf of my colleagues on the Board of Directors, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Azrieli Foundation for their generosity. There are many good causes and we are privileged to have been able to count on the sensitivity, determination and immense passion of the Azrieli family for the artistic community. You are without a doubt a beacon of patronage for our society, a source of motivation for young people and a powerful lever for our fundraising campaign. It is because of the Azrieli family that young musicians and dancers and the various stakeholders of the artistic community will be able to continue their search for excellence which is all in your honor. "

The Board of Directors of Le Domaine Forget de Charlevoix is launching a major fundraising campaign of \$ 10 million, whose honorary chair is ensured by Québec contralto Marie-Nicole Lemieux.

This campaign named Le Domaine Forget, Créateur de talents! has 5 main objectives:

- The increase in the Jacqueline and Paul Desmarais Scholarship Fund of Le Domaine Forget
- The creation of a fund dedicated to the development of artistic activities
- Upgrading the concert hall and integrating new technologies
- The enhancement and conservation of the heritage site
- The development of the Jardin harmonique de sculptures.

About Le Domaine Forget de Charlevoix

Since 1978, Le Domaine Forget is a world class artistic center located in Saint-Irénée in Charlevoix, on a unique site for its geographical appeal, history and heritage. Le Domaine has garnered an enviable reputation through its International Academy of Music and Dance and its International Festival, which remain at the heart of its activities. Its mission is to foster the development of talent through high-level training in the performing arts, to present concerts and performances of great quality, to be a place of expression for the visual arts, to offer to the public a distinctive experience on its site and to lead as an internationally recognized artistic hallmark.

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