



ORCHESTRE
SYMPHONIQUE
DE MONTRÉAL

Presented by



PRESS RELEASE
For immediate distribution

Jean-André Élie winner of the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Voluntarism in the Performing Arts

Montreal, March 3, 2011 – The Orchestre symphonique de Montréal was proud to learn that Jean-André Élie is the 2011 winner of the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Voluntarism in the Performing Arts, a distinction that will be conferred on him at the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards ceremony on May 13 in Rideau Hall by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada.

A collaborator of the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal for close to 50 years, Mr. Élie remains an invaluable asset for the organization. Whether as a member of the board of directors or more hands-on as a member of numerous fundraising committees, Mr. Élie has provided the OSM with unflagging support. Highly active at the community level, he has demonstrated his deep commitment and his eagerness to forge enduring relations between our organization and the community that surrounds it, notably with business circles.

Aware of the need to get involved with the younger generation, he was quick to accept the presidency of the OSM Standard Life Competition, a position he has occupied since 2006. Combining excellence and education, the Competition has become a required stop for countless young musicians, from across Canada as well as from Montreal, an indispensable springboard as they take on a musical career. Additionally, this year Mr. Élie initiated a mentoring plan with the help of some of the Orchestra's musicians.

The OSM would like to acknowledge his determination, his leadership, his great qualities as a communicator and his unshakable enthusiasm, all of which have been sources of inspiration for the organization.

Mr. Élie will receive a work commissioned for the occasion by Canadian glass artist Naoko Takenouchi of Vancouver, British Columbia, as well as a commemorative medallion struck by the Royal Canadian Mint.

The Orchestre symphonique de Montréal is presented by
Hydro-Québec

-30-

Source: Orchestre symphonique de Montréal

Information: Céline Choiselat
Head of Media Relations, (514) 840-7414, cchoiselat@osm.ca

PRESS RELEASE