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KENT NAGANO RECEIVES THE INSIGNIA OF GRAND OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF QUÉBEC

Montreal, November 7, 2013 – Today at 2:00 p.m. at the National Assembly, Québec premier Pauline Marois presented **the insignia of grand officer of the Order of Québec to Kent Nagano**, music director of the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal. This distinction is the most prestigious recognition bestowed by the Québec state, and is conferred on eminent personalities who have contributed to the building of a creative, innovative and united Québec society.

“It is with considerable emotion and gratitude that I find myself named to the Order of Québec as a grand officer,” said Kent Nagano. “Allow me to thank the government of Québec, the premier, and the people of Québec for the honour that has been paid me. As music director of the OSM for seven years now, I’ve had the privilege of developing a fruitful collaboration with the musicians of the Orchestra, a unique synergy with our audience, and a profound relationship with the citizens of Québec. I’ve discovered a culturally rich society here, a continuous source of inspiration and an openness of mind and heart that makes me feel at home. I find great satisfaction in developing projects that are filled with promise and that make it possible to share the beauty of the classical repertoire with audiences, whether that be in our home, Maison symphonique de Montréal, or anywhere else in Québec they can be found.”

Since taking up the position as music director with the OSM, Kent Nagano has been the beneficiary of a number of distinctions. He has received honorary doctorates from McGill University and Université de Montréal (2005 and 2006), been named honorary citizen of the City of Montreal (2006) and “2nd most influential personality in Québec in the cultural sector” by the *Journal de Montréal* (after Guy Laliberté, in 2008) as well as and 4th most inspiring personality for Quebecers by *Les Affaires* magazine (2009). He has moreover been decorated with the Order of the Rising Sun (2008), the highest ranking decoration bestowed by the Japanese government to a non-Japanese. In 2012 he received the Medal of Honour from the National Assembly. On November 14 he will be made a Great Montrealer by the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal.

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