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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **The Foundation of the Friends of the Royal Opera to support Molière's 400th birthday celebration.**

**In conjunction with the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Molière's birth, the Foundation of the Friends of the Royal Opera (the "Foundation") is making its first philanthropic grant to support the musical season of the Palace of Versailles.**

The Foundation is honored to provide financial support for the Molière Anniversary, the Royal Opera's celebrations marking the fourth centenary of the birth of the greatest playwright in French history.

This support reflects the Foundation's primary mission: to enable the realization of strong artistic projects which reflect the history of the Royal Opera.

The Molière Anniversary program consists of three essential pieces from Molière's theatrical repertoire and a series of concerts reflecting his musical collaborations with Louis XIV's favorite composers: Lully and Charpentier.

The primary mission of the Foundation is to perpetuate the season of concerts and operas at the Palace of Versailles. It was created in March 2021, in association with the Academy of Beaux-Arts, when it became evident that the negative effects of the Covid crisis would severely impact the Royal Opera's future operations.

In order to maintain a vibrant musical life at the Palace of Versailles, the Foundation appeals to the generosity of the public. The Foundation is entitled to receive donations and bequests of cash, real estate, furniture, securities and shares, which provide tax reduction benefits. The Academy of Beaux-Arts guarantees its transparency and its financial management.

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Molière Anniversary Program

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