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Mr. René Richard Cyr Co-general manager and artistic director Théâtre d'Aujourd'hui 3888 St. Denis Street Montreal, Quebec H2W 2M2

Dear Mr. Cyr:

We recently learned that you will be stepping down as co-general manager and artistic director of Théâtre d'Aujourd'hui at the end of this season.

On behalf of the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal, our some 7,000 members, and myself, I would like to congratulate you on your exceptional contribution to the development of this institution.

For the Board of Trade, creativity and cultural vitality are vital components of the economic development of Greater Montreal, and there is no doubt that, during your six years at the head of Théâtre d'Aujourd'hui, you have helped enhance both its reputation and the quality of Quebec theatre.

We look forward to seeing you take up other responsibilities within our cultural industry, where your contribution is already – and will continue to be – greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Benoit Labonté President