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MONTREAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND LES GRANDS BALLETS CANADIENS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FOR EUROPEAN TOUR

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that his department would be making a grant of \$300 000 to help fund the Montréal Symphony Orchestra (MSO)'s 12-concert tour of Europe, April 3 to 20, 1994. The MSO will tour Switzerland, Italy, Slovenia, Austria, Germany, Poland and the United Kingdom.

Mr. Ouellet thanked Maestro Charles Dutoit for bringing the Orchestra to such a high level of excellence and for the enviable reputation it had earned both in Montréal and throughout Canada.

Mr. Ouellet also announced that his department would be granting \$275 000 to les Grands ballets canadiens for a nine-concert tour of Holland and Belgium, April 7 to 18, 1994.

Mr. Ouellet thanked Artistic Director Lawrence Rhodes for the remarkable success enjoyed by "Les Grands" in New York last year, and expressed confidence that Europe would respond equally well to the stirring performances of the dancers.

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