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Nathalie Des Rosiers, MPP Ottawa-Vanier

## The Ontario Government supports La Nouvelle Scène Gilles Desjardins

*Ontario government investing in the francophone arts community in Ottawa*

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As part of its 2018 Budget, the Ontario government is committing \$2.9 million in funding to La Nouvelle Scène Gilles Desjardins to invest in its ongoing programming and cultural contributions for generations to come. This Ottawa theatre is a landmark institution for the Franco-Ontarian community and the Ontario government is proud to support it.

Nathalie Des Rosiers, MPP for Ottawa-Vanier, was joined by members of the Board of Directors of La Nouvelle Scène Gilles Desjardins this afternoon to announce the committed funding.

This investment would enable the organization to address additional challenges encountered during the reconstruction of its 23,000-square-foot facility that serves four francophone drama companies through its 180-seat theatre, 80-seat theatre, and multi-purpose space. The theatres serves as an important hub for the francophone artistic community. This reflects the government's long-term commitment to supporting francophone culture in Ontario.

Maintaining and restoring our historic and cultural infrastructure is part of Ontario's plan to create fairness and opportunity during this period of rapid economic change. The plan includes a higher minimum wage and better working conditions, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, and free prescription drugs for everyone under 25 through the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation.

### QUOTES

“Culture plays a central role in building our Franco-Ontarian identity. This is why our government supports La Nouvelle Scène Gilles Desjardins, a major institution for the francophone community in Ottawa that offers artistic programming in French on top of being a place where Francophones can gather.”

— Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Francophone Affairs

“By committing this funding to La Nouvelle Scène Gilles Desjardins, our government is ensuring the long-term prosperity of artistic and cultural institutions. This investment will help ensure the stability of a pillar of the francophone artistic and cultural community here in Ottawa-Vanier, in the national capital region and in Ontario.”

— Nathalie Des Rosiers, MPP Ottawa-Vanier

“This investment would allow La Nouvelle Scène Gilles Desjardins to continue delivering a wide range of artistic and cultural experiences for the francophone and Francophile community. Our new infrastructure is a key element in the variety and the quality of our activities and programs.”  
— Jean Lalonde, President of the Board, La Nouvelle Scène Gilles Desjardins

## QUICK FACTS

- The Government of Ontario is committing to an investment of \$2.9M to address additional challenges encountered during the reconstruction of La Nouvelle Scène Gilles Desjardins as part of its 2018 Budget.
- Through its proposed *2018 Ontario Budget: A Plan for Care and Opportunity*, the Government of Ontario also investing \$4.17M in a new facility for Le Mouvement d'implication francophone d'Orléans (MIFO).
- The Government of Ontario also invested up to \$8.95 million to support the development of a new community hub for the Coopérative multiservices francophone de l'Ouest d'Ottawa in partnership with the Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario at the site of the former Grant Alternative School in 2017

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