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# TROPHÉE DES ARTS GALA 2018

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Request the pleasure  
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**TROPHÉE DES ARTS GALA 2018**

Honoring

**JANE FONDA**

Actress

**Trophée des Arts**

**SÉBASTIEN BAZIN**

Chairman and CEO of AccorHotels

**Pilier d'Or**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2018**

7pm Cocktails and Silent Auction

8pm Dinner and Live Auction

Black Tie

**THE PLAZA**

Fifth Avenue and Central Park South, New York City

## **The Trophée des Arts 2018 awarded to JANE FONDA**

Jane Fonda is one of the most iconic actresses of our time. A true bridge between France and the United States, she has worked with the world's most renowned directors, including Roger Vadim, Jean-Luc Godard, Sidney Lumet and Sydney Pollack. She boasts an illustrious acting career on both sides of the Atlantic, and has won several prestigious awards, including two Academy Awards for Best Actress.

Most recently, she starred in the box office hit comedy *Book Club* and released a documentary on HBO about her life, *Jane Fonda in Five Acts*. She continues to star in the acclaimed Netflix series *Grace & Frankie*, for which she received an Emmy nomination. Jane is also a fitness icon: "*Jane Fonda's Workout*" sold 17 million copies, making it the bestselling home video ever. She has been a longtime political activist and feminist, as well as a committed philanthropist.

In 2010, she received the Honor Medal of the City of Paris recognizing her "lifelong love affair" with France and Paris.

The Trophée des Arts, established in 1992, recognizes a distinguished artist or cultural icon who exemplifies our organization's mission of French-American friendship and cross-cultural exchange.

## **The Pilier d'Or 2018 awarded to SÉBASTIEN BAZIN**

Sébastien Bazin is Chairman and CEO of AccorHotels, one of the largest hotel chains in the world. Since assuming his position five years ago, Sébastien Bazin has undertaken an ambitious transformation plan, expanding the Group's range of services and positioning it as a leading digital innovator, in addition to reinforcing its core hospitality business.

In July 2016, AccorHotels acquired Raffles, Fairmont and Swissôtel and has recently partnered with sbe Entertainment Group and 21c Museum Hotels, significantly expanding the company's footprint in North America. AccorHotels operates more than 85 hotels in Central and North America mostly in the luxury segment, and offers unique experiences in more than 4,500 hotels, resorts and residences across 100 countries.

Before joining AccorHotels, Sébastien Bazin worked in several financial positions in New York, San Francisco, London and Paris.

The Pilier d'Or, established in 2006, recognizes a leading business figure, diplomat, or philanthropist for outstanding contributions to the French-American community.

## THE FRENCH INSTITUTE ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE

Founded in 1898, the French Institute Alliance Française (FIAF) is the leading French language and cultural center in the United States. Its mission is to offer New Yorkers innovative programs in education and the arts that explore the evolving diversity and richness of French cultures. FIAF seeks to generate new ideas and promote cross-cultural dialogue through partnerships and new platforms of expression.

FIAF presents a wide range of sophisticated programming throughout the year in both French and English, offering films, lectures, art exhibitions, and live performances of music, theater, dance, and more in the FIAF Gallery, Florence Gould Hall, Le Skyroom, and Tinker Auditorium.

Now in its twelfth edition, FIAF's interdisciplinary fall arts festival, *Crossing The Line*, puts a spotlight on artists who are transforming cultural practices on both sides of the Atlantic. The season also features *CinéSalon* which offers a unique cinema experience in the spirit of the French ciné-clubs and literary salons.

FIAF's historic Beaux-Arts building, on New York's elegant and centrally located Upper East Side, is a fully active educational and cultural New York institution. The Haskell Library houses one of the most comprehensive collections of French books in the US. The Language Center, with 6,000 students each year, is the largest in the country and offers instruction in French at all levels to New Yorkers of all ages.

The Trophée des Arts Gala raises funds to support FIAF's mission to teach French, promote Francophone culture, and strengthen the relationship between French and American peoples.

