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A Gala Reception in Honour of Gail Asper 2018

Manitoba Opera's Gala Reception honouring Winnipeg philanthropist Gail Asper, O.C., O.M., LL.D., was the company's most successful fundraising event in its 46-year history. The event, held at the Manitoba Club on Thursday, September 13, raised more than \$230,000 for Manitoba Opera's productions and education programs. The Gala Reception paid tribute to Asper's exemplary leadership as a philanthropist and visionary whose conviction inspires others to serve, to give, and to make our community a better place. The Gail Asper Award was presented by Elba Haid, Chair of Manitoba Opera's Board of Trustees. Created by Manitoba Opera, the award was designed by Winnipeg sculptor George W. Shannon. The award will be presented annually by Manitoba Opera to individuals who, like its namesake, demonstrate exemplary leadership in a field of endeavor or in pursuit of a visionary goal. The 250 guests in attendance were treated to performances by internationally renowned Winnipeg coloratura soprano Tracy Dahl, accompanied by pianist Tadeusz Biernacki; the Manitoba Opera Chorus; the Ron Paley Trio; as well as a video tribute to Asper.

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