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## **Fonds de solidarité FTQ Becomes DUCPEPE en tournée's Lead Partner**

**Montréal, February 14, 2013** – The Fonds de solidarité FTQ ("Fonds") is pleased to announce that it has become the lead partner of DUCPEPE en tournée for the next three years. The Fonds will begin by backing Michel Marc Bouchard's *Les Muses orphelines* this spring.

"By investing in Quebecois culture, the Fonds de solidarité FTQ is backing thousands of artists who showcase our identity here and around the world," said the Fonds' President and CEO, Yvon Bolduc. "It is therefore only natural that the Fonds team up with DUCPEPE, a one-of-a-kind Québec institution whose plays have been moving Quebecers all across the province for decades and that will continue to do so for years to come."

"The partnership with the Fonds de solidarité FTQ will help ensure that DUCPEPE can keep on delivering on its mission to make theatre accessible to everyone across Québec and to be an ambassador of Quebecois culture," said in turn Louise Duceppe, President and CEO of DUCPEPE. "Our goal is to continue staging top-notch productions, which attract over 100,000 spectators each season."

### **About DUCPEPE**

Founded in 1973 by the distinguished actor Jean Duceppe under the name La Compagnie Jean Duceppe, DUCPEPE seeks to make theatre accessible to the masses and stage plays that resonate with their audiences. With an impressive 92% recognition rate, DUCPEPE is one of Québec's most respected cultural institutions. Focused on Québec playwriting and themes that reflect Québec society's fundamental concerns, the theatre company stages no less than 170 plays every year. This year marks DUCPEPE's 40th anniversary. Since its creation, the company has produced 65 Québec plays, including 39 original creations, and has entertained over 6 million spectators. To learn more: [www.duceppe.com](http://www.duceppe.com).

### **About the Fonds de solidarité FTQ**

Created in 1983, the Fonds de solidarité FTQ has been driving our economy for 30 years. With net assets of \$8.8 billion as of November 30, 2012, the Fonds is a development capital investment fund that channels the savings of Quebecers into investments in all sectors of the economy to help further Québec's economic growth. Its investments contribute to the creation and maintenance of jobs in Quebec businesses and favour economic development. The Fonds is a partner, either directly or through its network members, of more than 2,000 companies. With close to 600,000 owner-shareholders, it has helped to create, maintain and close to 170,000 jobs. For more information, visit [www.FondsFTQ.com](http://www.FondsFTQ.com).

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