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PONANT brings all partners together at Hôtel de la Marine to present its Art and Culture Collection 2023/2024



Emma Lavigne – CEO of the Pinault Collection, Hervé Gastinel – PONANT's CEO, Alain Duault – Artistic Director of PONANT's music cruises, Prune de La Fage – Deputy Director at Radio Classique, Philippe Gombert – Chairman of Relais & Châteaux.

PONANT welcomed all its partners on Monday 21 November for an exceptional evening in the historic Hôtel de la Marine in Paris to present *Travel is an Art, new theme cruises collection for 2023/2024*.

PONANT has always surrounded itself with internationally renowned personalities who are passionate about their subjects and create immersive experiences to better understand and rediscover the world with fresh eyes. In keeping with its Explore to Inspire philosophy, PONANT voyages offer a wealth of meaningful encounters and sources of inspiration. Ranging from explorers to scientists, naturalists, journalists, historians, writers, and other well-known experts, many attended this event at Hôtel de la Marine.

Opening the evening, PONANT's CEO Hervé Gastinel presented the company's strategy of excellence when it comes to enriching its cruises. Emma Lavigne, CEO of the Pinault Collection, Philippe Gombert, Chairman of Relais & Châteaux, Prune de La Fage, Deputy Director at Radio Classique, and Alain Duault, Artistic Director of PONANT's music cruises then took turns to talk about what they have in store. All highlighted the shared values that drive the PONANT community and revealed details of future collaborations for 2023/2024 with the company.

Also present at this prestigious evening, as they too will be on board in 2023 / 2024, were: Christophe Barbier, Pascal Bruckner, Jean-François Clervoy, Jean-Louis Debré, Franck Ferrand, Luc Jacquet, Emmanuel Kasarherou, Laurent Mayet, Christophe Ono-dit-Biot, Christine Ockrent and Jean-Christophe Rufin. For everyone it was also an opportunity to have an exclusive tour of the Hôtel de la Marine that included the Chief of Staff's office and the splendid reception rooms.

Another highlight of the evening was a superb recital by French violinist Renaud Capuçon, accompanied on the piano by Guillaume Bellom.

ABOUT PONANT -

Explore to Inspire: explore to better understand, learn, share and protect. For 35 years, PONANT has been committed to more responsible tourism and voyages of exploration which have meaning. The French-flagged fleet comprises 13 small ships equipped with state of the art environmentally friendly equipment. With PONANT, exploration is refined, authentic and a source of inspiration. For more information <u>www.ponant.com</u>

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