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**Jeunesses Musicales of Canada's President promoted to the rank of
Companion of the Order of Canada**

Montreal, Thursday, November 25, 2010 – During its sixtieth anniversary season, Jeunesses Musicales of Canada (JMC) is proud to announce that its president, **Mr. Joseph Rouleau**, was promoted to the rank of Companion of the Order of Canada, at an official ceremony held at Rideau Hall in Ottawa this past November 17. The Companion of the Order of Canada recognizes a lifetime of outstanding achievement and merit of the highest degree, especially in service to Canada or to humanity at large.

Joseph Rouleau, President of JMC for over two decades, has greatly contributed to the development of the music and opera world at both the national and international level. A highly renowned bass, he played a key role in the establishment and remarkable growth of JMC from one end of the country to the other. Thanks to his dedication to this organization, many of today's youth have access to musical culture in remote regions and major urban centres. We should also recall that **Mr. André Bourbeau**, President of the Jeunesses Musicales of Canada Foundation since 1997, was made a Chevalier of the Order of Quebec in June of 2009.

The OSM will also be paying tribute to Joseph Rouleau by marking Jeunesses Musicales of Canada's 60th anniversary with a concert on March 9, 2011, at 8 pm, in Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier at Place des Arts. The performance will feature, among others, arias from operas that have been career highlights for this exceptionally gifted bass.

JMC is proud to have such leading personalities as part of its organization, individuals who have distinguished themselves in extraordinary ways in both their personal careers and their exceptional work with JMC.

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