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## **MGM Hosts Opening Ceremony of Edgar Degas: Figures in Motion**

*Presenting the Impressionist's Collection of 74 Sculptures Never Been Shown Before in Asia*

**[May 9, 2016, Macau]** MGM hosted the Opening Ceremony of **Edgar Degas: Figures in Motion** at MGM Art Space on May 9. As part of Le French May's highlight program, the exhibition is presenting the wondrous collection of Degas' 74 sculptures for the first time ever in Asia, including the famous *Little Dancer, Aged Fourteen*. Exclusively sponsored by MGM, the exhibition is co-presented by Le French May and M.T. Abraham Foundation, with the support of French Consulate General of France in Hong Kong & Macau.

The Ceremony was attended by over 100 distinguished guests from all sectors, and Guests of Honor in attendance were **Ms. Pansy Ho**, Co-Chairperson & Executive Director of MGM China Holdings Limited; **Mr. Ung Vai Meng**, President of Cultural Affairs Bureau, representing Mr. Alexis Tam Chon Weng, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture of the Macau SAR; **Ms. Xu Ting**, Director-General of the Department of Education and Culture of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macau SAR; **Mr. Eric Berti**, Consul General of France in Hong Kong and Macau; **Ms. Li Nan**, Director-General of the Department of Public Diplomacy and Information of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Macau SAR; **Mr. Amir Kabiri**, Chairman of the Board of M. T. Abraham Foundation; **Mr. Andrew Yuen**, Chairman of the Board of Le French May, and **Mr. Grant Bowie**, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of MGM China Holdings Limited.

Guests of Honor officiated over a ribbon-cutting ceremony with ballerinas by their sides, and went on for a tour led by Ms. Dalit L. Durst, Chief Curator of M.T. Abraham Foundation. They were charmed by the display of the three favorite subjects of Degas: horses, dancers and bathing women – all in different positions – at MGM Art Space.

Mr. Eric Berti is delighted to have MGM as the host for Le French May's highlighted program, "This exhibition is undoubtedly a masterpiece of the 24th edition of our favorite cultural festival—Le French May. 'Figures in Motion' brings us to Degas' inner and mysterious world, for the first time, the audience will have the chance to see these 74 bronze sculptures in a special exhibition in MGM Art Space in Macau."

Ms. Pansy Ho expressed her heartfelt thanks to the Central Government, the Macau Government and the community for their continuous support, "This exhibition marks the twenty-first art event at MGM MACAU since opening. We will continue to further create the new image of 'Cultural Macau' so as to elevate the city's core competitiveness of making Macau the world center of leisure and tourism. MGM is also committed to bringing in worldwide events to Macau through our visionary art and cultural programs, and we will always be the avid supporter in introducing Macau's beautiful and diversified cultural offerings to the world."

### **Edgar Degas: Figures in Motion**

The **Edgar Degas: Figures in Motion** is part of MGM's endeavors in bringing world class art and cultural experiences for the local community's enjoyment, while promoting Macau's status as an international city where globally influential artworks are created, appreciated and treasured. Degas is known as one of the founders of Impressionism and is famous for his painting and sculpting horses, dancers and bathing women.



To pair with his most timeless art pieces, MGM Art Space especially divided the venue into different colors and themes, which are respectively, a grass green area with a horseshoe-shaped stand, a pink ballet room, and a blue water-drop-shaped display. Interactive elements, such as a zoetrope (an animation device that produces the illusion of motion through a sequence of still pictures of a horse and jockey), videos, Parisian street views, photo booths with horse-riding and ballet-dancing props for fun pictures, as well as guided tours, are added to walk everyone through the stories of Degas, and the Paris he knew.

From now till end of November, local residents and tourists will have the opportunity to discover a different side of Degas behind the paint brush and camera.

### **MGM FUN for Everyone**

MGM's "FUN for Everyone" campaign consists of a kaleidoscope of fun and entertainment for everyone's enjoyment including our beautiful butterfly garden in the Grande Praça, the Degas exhibition, and special Belle E'poque prix fixe menu at Aux Beau Arts starting in June. At the Degas exhibition we have implemented interactive photo booths and will be running social media campaigns with games and prizes via our Facebook, WeChat and Weibo pages to make art fun and enjoyable to all. MGM will continue to make great moments happen that bring artistry and entertainment to life, and support Macau to become a world center of leisure and tourism with diversified offerings.

### **About MGM**

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MGM MACAU is a Forbes Five-Star luxury integrated resort inspired by the arts with every element of the resort infused with creativity and style. MGM MACAU has approximately 600 guest rooms and suites and boasts a number of distinguishing features, including the architecturally stunning European-inspired Grande Praça, housed under a soaring glass ceiling. MGM MACAU's world class facilities include an Art Space dedicating over 8,000 square feet to display authentic works of art, conference and event facilities, an award-winning spa, and nine signature restaurants and bars to fulfill any gastronomic craving. Our property is conveniently located on prime waterfront on the Macau Peninsula and is directly connected to the luxury retail shopping complex, One Central.

MGM COTAI designed as the "jewelry box" of Cotai, plans to offer approximately 1,500 hotel rooms and suites, meeting space, high end spa, retail offerings and food and beverage outlets as well as the first international Mansion at MGM for the ultimate luxury experience. MGM COTAI will offer Asia's first dynamic theater and a spectacle to wow every guest who steps foot in our resort. MGM COTAI is being developed to drive greater product diversification and bring more advanced and innovative forms of entertainment to Macau as it grows as a global tourist destination. The HK\$ 24billion project is expected to open towards the end of the first quarter of 2017.



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