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### PRESENTING SPONSOR MESSAGE





n behalf of James Richardson & Sons, Limited and the Richardson family, I am delighted that you have joined us this evening to celebrate the made-in-Manitoba pioneering spirit and contributions that have shaped aviation in our country, as well as to support the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada in its mission to educate and inspire future aviation enthusiasts through its Take Flight! and Pathways programs.

It's been said that "A mile of highway will take you a mile, but a mile of runway can take you anywhere." The men and women behind the stories you will see and hear tonight are evidence of how passion and innovation propelled their dreams of aviation and aircraft restoration. Likewise, your continued support of RAMWC is essential to preserving and promoting those dreams for new generations, taking them higher and farther than ever imagined.

Thank you and please enjoy a wonderful evening.

### Hartley Richardson

Executive Chair, President & Chief Executive Officer James Richardson & Sons, Limited



Fokker Universal G-CAJD 'Ghost of Charron Lake' taxiing for take off at the Brandon Ave air base, in Winnipeg c. 1920s



### MEET OUR HONORARY PATRON





### TANNIS M. RICHARDSON

C.M., B.Sc. (H. Ec.), LL.D.

t is our extreme pleasure tonight to honour Tannis Richardson as the Honorary Patron of the inaugural Preservation Ball.

No one is more fitting for this honour than Tannis Richardson. A Canadian icon, Tannis has helped shape many of the arts, culture and health organizations in our province and across the country. Tannis and her late husband, George, as well as the Richardson family, are integral forerunners to the history of aviation in Canada. They have also been staunch supporters of RAMWC since its founding in 1974. Several aircraft displayed in our museum, such as the Junkers 52, are here thanks to the generosity of the Richardsons.

Tonight, we are highlighting the history of the Ghost of Charron Lake which we consider to be one of the greatest preservation stories of all time. George and Tannis relentlessly pursued the "Ghost" for 35 years (1970 to 2005). Upon the retrieval of this aircraft, it was Tannis who insisted that the "Ghost" not be restored to its original form but to preserve it as it was at the bottom of Charron Lake.

Now, the Ghost and its story are preserved in our museum for hundreds of thousands of visitors to enjoy for many decades to come.

Tannis was one of the founding visionaries and organizers of the museum's annual gala. Tannis's conception of the event, her enthusiasm and dedication to RAMWC led her to establish the Out of the Blue gala. Thanks to her leadership. the Out of the Blue galas raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support RAMWC's education, outreach and preservation programs.

Tannis loves Winnipeg and is revered by countless organizations and individuals in Manitoba for her years of generosity, fundraising support, and as a spokesperson and influencer.

Please join us in honouring one of our province's most dedicated volunteers and generous philanthropists.



### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



n behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my privilege to thank you for your ongoing support of the museum and welcome you to the first annual Preservation Ball.

I'm honoured to gather and celebrate with you - our donors, volunteers, corporate supporters and fellow aviation enthusiasts - in this remarkable museum, which quickly has become one of Winnipeg's most popular attractions.

Tonight's event is a testament to your dedication and commitment and wouldn't be possible without your ongoing generosity and enthusiasm to support our mission to preserve and promote the stories of Canadian aviation, while educating, entertaining, and inspiring visitors.

I would also like to thank the staff and volunteers on the Preservation Ball committee, who worked tirelessly to ensure tonight's event is memorable.

With appreciation and gratitude,

Ron Jonkman Board Chair

### CO-CHAIRS' MESSAGE





n January 2023, we surpassed our \$48 million Climb Aboard! Capital Campaign goal.

Our commitment to the campaign was driven by the boundless desire to complete the museum and welcome visitors from around the globe. It took 10 years to achieve this goal, but thanks to the generosity of our donors and the dedication and perseverance of our Campaign Cabinet, we did it.

However, now that the museum is open, the need to support this world-class facility doesn't cease to exist. We require funding to fulfill our mission to preserve and promote the stories of western Canadian aviation and inspire youth to pursue careers in aviation and aerospace. Proceeds from tonight's event will support more than 10,000 students in our 2023-24 STEM education and Pathways programs.

On behalf of the entire Campaign Cabinet, we would like to thank our donors, sponsors and funders for your ongoing support of the museum and hope you enjoy tonight's event.

Ross Robinson and Blain King
Preservation Ball Co-Chairs



### CEO'S MESSAGE





delcome to the new Royal Aviation Museum and thank you for joining us tonight as we celebrate the inaugural Preservation Ball.

It is hard to believe we have just surpassed our 1st anniversary. It seems like years since I stood in this huge, empty, 86,000-square foot area-dressed in safety gear after passing through the COVID protocol-dreaming of this day!

As with many new ventures and as we move into the future, we felt that it was time to rebrand our annual gala and build off the decades of success from the Out of the Blue Gala, which was conceived by our Honorary Patron, and who we honour and dedicate this evening to, Tannis Richardson.

Tonight, is also a unique opportunity for us to celebrate Tannis Richardson for her years of support and dedication to the museum and early aviation in Canada but also, to bring together and celebrate with so many others that made this tremendous museum a reality, including our donors, Board, Staff, Volunteers, Founders and friends.

Since our Grand Opening on May 21, 2022, we have welcomed more than 100,000 visitors, received several awards and educated and inspired more than 8,200 students through our STEM Education programming.

I would like to thank all of our staff and volunteers who made this evening possible and I wish you an enjoyable and memorable night.

**Terry Slobodian** President & CEO



Basil D. Hobbs

From all of us at Charton Hobbs, best wishes for a successful first Preservation Ball.

Founded 98 years ago by Basil D. Hobbs, we are delighted to support the great work the Royal Aviation Museum team is doing for the people of Winnipeg, Manitoba and Canada.

**Duncan Hobbs.** President & CEO. Charton Hobbs



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



5:30 PM | VIP RECEPTION

6:00 PM COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Sponsored by EIC

7:30 PM EVENING PROGRAM

Emcee - John Sauder, CBC Manitoba

HONOURING TANNIS RICHARDSON

Special thanks to Peter Mansbridge and Spot On Creative

**DINNER SERVICE** 

**SPECIAL LIVE PERFORMANCE:** 

Ron Paley and the Big City All Star Band Sponsored by Ross and Alanna Robinson

9:45 PM LIVE AUCTION

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**FUND-A-NEED VIDEO PRESENTATION** 

10:30 PM AFTER PARTY & DANCING

Featuring The Big City All Star Band Sponsored by the Sifton Foundation

11:00 PM AIR CANADA RAFFLE DRAW

11:30 PM AUCTION CLOSES

Silent Auction Sponsored by KF Aero





### **2 ROUND TRIP BUSINESS CLASS TICKETS** FOR ANYWHERE AIR CANADA FLIES

1 TICKET \$100 | 3 TICKETS \$250

Look for our raffle volunteers with unique name badges to purchase grand prize raffle draw tickets.



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Draw Saturday October 21st, 2023 at 11 PM at The Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada, 2088 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Every ticket holder has the right to witness the draw. Must be over 18 to enter. Winner does not have to be present to win. Winner will be notified by phone or email. Prize must be claimed within 7 days or a redraw will take place.

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#### ON THE TABLE

Fresh Bread and Sourdough Crackers • Homemade Cultured Leek Butter

### AMUSE-BOUCHE

Gougère • Cured Arctic Char • Horseradish Cream • Caviar

### FROM THE GARDEN

Coffee Roasted Carrots • Black Garlic • Labneh • Savoury Granola

#### FROM THE OCEAN

Butter Poached Halibut • Roasted Garlic Velouté Confit Tomato • Charred Scallion • Black Truffle

#### FROM THE LAND

Manitoba Spruce Rubbed Elk Tenderloin Potato Pave • Squash Purée • Natural Jus

#### SWEET

Chocolate Delice • Black Cocoa Cheesecake Mousse Sour Cherry • Salted Rye Crumble

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Mouton Cadet Rouge • Mouton Cadet Blanc Moet & Chandon Brut Champagne

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Mouton Cadet and Moet & Chandon proudly represented by Charton Hobbs; a 4th generation family business started in 1925 by Canadian aviation hero Basil D. Hobbs.





### MEET TONIGHT'S CHEFS





#### **CHEF BEN KRAMER**

Nationally celebrated chef Ben Kramer has helped establish Winnipeg as one of the most vibrant food scenes in North America. Innovative, outgoing and personable, Chef Kramer was one of the first to champion the use of local sustainable ingredients, and helped launch Made with Love where his team, in partnership with NorWest Co-op Community Food Centre, has produced and delivered almost 100,000 meals to some of Winnipeg's most vulnerable. Whether a menu for an intimate brunch or a conference for thousands, he applies the same principles of using local, sustainable, organic ingredients as much as possible with flare and imagination.





#### **CHEF NITIN SHARMA**

Chef Nitin Sharma has brought his 17 years of extensive experience to Fairmont Winnipeg, where he leads the culinary team as Executive Chef. Before moving with his family to Canada in 2022, Chef Nitin worked at top 5-star luxury brand hotels in countries like Mumbai, Maldives and Bermuda. He is passionate about bringing global flares to his dishes and supporting local communities, all while using high-quality ingredients from local suppliers.

His creative flair and passion for food delivers the grandest of culinary experiences to each one of his guests.

### SILENT AUCTION INFORMATION



id on fabulous items using your mobile device or one of the Givergy tablets provided. Don't forget to watch the leaderboards for continuous updates on bidding!

#### **HOW DO I MAKE A BID?**

- Use the provided Givergy enabled tablet, or by scanning the QR code below on your mobile device to visit our silent auction bidding page online.
- 2. Click on Silent Auction Items, scroll through the list and tap on the item you want to bid on.
- At bottom of page under the item description, the current winning bid and required next minimum bid will be displayed.
- 4. Enter your bid amount into the field at the bottom of the page and click Place Bid (if you are not registered you will need to register your details). Credit card information is required before placing your first bid.

#### **HOW DO I REGISTER?**

You can register when you first place a bid or make donation, or you can click on Login/Register. You will be asked to enter your details so we can contact you if you win an auction item.

### HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE BEEN OUTBID?

You can click on My Account and then My Bids to see all of the items you are currently winning or have been outbid on. You will also be sent a text and email notification if you have been outbid.

#### WHEN DOES THE AUCTION CLOSE?

There is a countdown clock on the item page showing how long is left until the item closes. Bidding on the Preservation Ball silent auction closes at 11:30 pm.

#### **HOW DO I KNOW IF I WON AN ITEM?**

When the system closes, your credit card will automatically be charged only if you have won an item. You will then be sent a text and email notification with a confirmation of your payment.

#### DELIVERY

Once you are confirmed as the successful bidder, you are welcome to take your item.

If required, larger items can be picked up from the Museum within seven days of the event. To make arrangements, contact Carol Morris at 204-786-0411.

USE A GIVERGY PROVIDED TABLET FROM YOUR TABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SILENT AUCTION OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE.



The silent auction will close at 11:30 pm. All transactions are final. No exchanges or refunds will be made by the donor, the auction committee or The Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada.

FOR ASSISTANCE, VISIT THE GIVERGY TABLE OR SPEAK TO ONE OF TONIGHT'S VOLUNTEERS.

### SILENT AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS



AUCTION PRIZES ARE AVAILABLE TO VIEW IN THE SCIENCE OF FLIGHT ZONE UPSTAIRS. JUST A FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WONDERFUL ITEMS AVAILABLE INCLUDE:



### RIDING MOUNTAIN GETAWAY

### Courtesy of Elkhorn Resort

Escape the city and refresh your mind in Riding Mountain National Park. Package includes a two-night stay at Elkhorn Resort in a Deluxe or Executive room, four (4) day passes to the Nordic Spa, and four (4) rounds of golf at Clear Lake Golf Course. *Valued at \$1,300.00* 



### WINNIPEG JETS FAN EXPERIENCE

### **Courtesy of True North Entertainment**

Show off your Jets pride when you don an autographed Nikolaj Ehlers home jersey for a game day skate and Jets game! Includes four tickets to a Winnipeg Jets home game during the 2023/2024 season and the opportunity to watch their game day skate. Valued at \$750.00+



### UP IN THE AIR

### Courtesy of RossAir

Experience life as a WWII pilot with a flight in a 1952 North American Harvard aircraft, used to train pilots who went on to fly Spitfires and Mosquitoes.

Valued at \$500.00



### SNOWSHOES AND S'MORES

### **Courtesy of Forth Whyte**

Make the most of winter with a guided snowshoe adventure through the forest at Fort Whyte Alive. Afterwards, enjoy hot chocolate, s'mores, and bannock around a bonfire. Also includes a 1-year family membership. *Valued at \$520.00* 



### CHEF'S TABLE

### **Courtesy of Tito Boy Restaurant**

Treat yourself to a private dining experience for up to eight (8) guests at Tito Boy Restaurant, a Philippine eatery in Winnipeg's south end. Your culinary journey will showcase the diverse flavour profiles of the Philippines and each course will be paired with a pinoy-inspired cocktail. Finish off the night with on-site karaoke! *Valued at \$1,000.00* 

### LIVE AUCTION PRIZE DESCRIPTIONS



#### LIVE AUCTION BEGINS AT 9:45



### LUNCH FOR FOUR WITH MAYOR SCOTT GILLINGHAM AT 529 WELLINGTON

Courtesy of 529 Wellington and Jones & Co. Wine Merchants

Indulge in the famed 529 Wellington culinary experience with four guests alongside Mayor Scott Gillingham. For years, 529 has set the standard for fine dining in Winnipeg and your meal is sure to be a memorable one. Prize includes appetizers, entrees and dessert, plus wine pairings by Jones & Company Wine Merchants.

Valid Sunday through Friday excluding holidays. Gratuity not included. Cannot be combined with other offers. Expires October 21, 2024.



### **DINNER FOR EIGHT WITH WINE PAIRINGS** AT THE FORT GARRY HOTEL

Courtesy of the Fort Garry Hotel

Enjoy a spectacular night of dining at the Hotel Fort Garry for you and seven friends. Chef de Cuisine Kyle Lew and Wine Director Christopher Sprague will serve up a tantalizing feast at one of Winnipeg's premier dining establishments. Plus, your group can begin and end in style thanks to transportation by AAA Limo service.



#### TRIP FOR TWO TO CHURCHILL

Courtesy of Calm Air International

Here's your chance to experience one of the world's greatest adventures-and it's just a short flight away. This winter, head to Churchill, MB for northern lights viewing, snowshoeing, dogsledding, a legendary culinary experience, and more.

Package includes return flights for two from Winnipeg to Churchill in February or March of 2024, two nights at the Polar Inn & Suites. meals, non-alcoholic beverages, and tours. OR Visit our prize lounge in the Science of Flight zone to see all the details.



#### SET OF E-BIKES

**Courtesy of Princess Auto** 

Conquer your commute on an e-bike! These Demon Electric e-bikes are lightweight, smooth on city streets, and easy to handle. Each bike has a 250W motor and 36V battery built into its Aluminum Alloy frame and 9-level pedal assist.

### LIVE AUCTION PRIZE DESCRIPTIONS



#### **LIVE AUCTION BEGINS AT 9:45**



### SUITE FOR 10 AT A WINNIPEG JETS GAME

**Courtesy of PCL Construction** 

Score big points with nine of your closest friends when you treat them to box seats at the Winnipeg Jets vs Arizona Coyotes game on November 18, 2023. Does not include food or beverages.



### FOUR BOX SEATS TO BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN WITH DINNER AT THE MANITOBA CLUB

**Courtesy of PCL Construction** 

You'll be dancing in the dark on the streets of Winnipeg long after this show! For the first time ever, The Boss is coming to the 'Peg and you could see him from box seats at the Canada Life Centre. Prior to the concert, enjoy dinner and drinks with your group at the Manitoba Club. Get ready for a memorable night on the town!

Originally scheduled for November 10, 2023, this concert has been postponed to 2024 (date TBD) due to health reasons. If requested, an alternate concert replacement may be available.



#### 1.500 LITRES OF FUEL

**Courtesy of Northern Lights Petroleum** 

Thanks to Indigenous-owned Northern Lights Petroleum, one lucky guest will be leaving tonight with their premium gasoline or diesel needs covered for the foreseeable future. Have it delivered to a storage tank, a cardlock facility, or straight to your home or business!



### HELICOPTER FLIGHT FOR THREE

Courtesy of Dylan Fast, Fast Air Executive Aviation

Enjoy a scenic, one-way helicopter ride in a Bell 206 Jet Ranger to Lake of the Woods for you and two guests, or a one-hour sightseeing tour around Winnipeg. Expires October 20, 2024.

### FUND-Δ-NFFD



his evening's Fund-a-Need campaign is in support of our **Take Flight!** educational programming.

The mission of the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada (RAMWC) is to preserve and promote the stories of aviation in Western and Northern Canada, and to address the needs of our community through education and inspiration.

Currently, the most pressing needs are a skills shortage in the aviation and aerospace industries and access to STEM education for under-served communities. Our *Take Flight!* programs use aviation history to inspire students and STEM principles to spark interest for aviation or aerospace careers.

During the 2022-2023 school year, RAMWC hosted more than 8,200 students. In the 2023-2024 school year, we hope to host upwards of 10,000 students. To achieve this goal, we've expanded our

### \$5,000

will provide funding for **100** students

### \$2,500

will provide funding for **50** students

### \$1,000

will provide funding for **20** students

### \$500

will provide funding for **10** students

### \$100

will provide funding for **two** students









### FUND-A-NEED



programming platform with new STEM programs, a new classroom space on our hangar floor and a third, full-time teacher.

But this growth means nothing if schools can't afford to come. To that end, RAMWC has created an Access-For-All fund.

In the 2022-2023 school year, more than 2,500 students came from the schools identified by the Winnipeg School Division as the most under-served in the division. RAMWC was able to fully subsidize 78% of these students thanks to our generous donors. For many of these students, a visit to a museum for an educational program is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Please consider donating during tonight's Fund-a-Need auction. Your gift will provide the opportunity for these students to explore and experience their potential in science, technology, math, and engineering-opening the door to a world of opportunities!

"On behalf of the teachers and students of the Dufferin Primary Language Centre, we would like to thank the generous donor for sponsoring our field trip. Your sponsorship made a lot of learning happen - both on the field trip and in the days before and after.

We are an inner-city school and really appreciate your support in providing this opportunity to students who would otherwise not have had it."

Rebecca Waddell, teacher Dufferin School, Winnipeg School Division







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### AVIATION MUSEUM

OF WESTERN CANADA

Our inaugural Preservation Ball highlights the remarkable recovery of Fokker Universal G-CAJD, the aircraft known as the Ghost of Charron Lake.

Caught in a winter storm while attempting to deliver supplies to prospectors in northern Manitoba, pilot Stuart McRorie and his engineer Neville Forrest, were forced to land on Charron Lake. Shortly after landing, the aircraft's tail broke through the ice. Both men made it out and spent 10 days fighting for survival in the wilderness before being found by a local trapper.

By the time crews made it back to the site the following spring to retrieve the aircraft, it had sunk completely.

For more than 70 years, this aircraft lay at the bottom of a remote lake, out of sight, but never out of mind. If not for the tireless efforts of dive teams, the countless hours invested by volunteers, and the persistence and support of the Richardson family during the 35-year search, the Ghost would still be lost to the lake and its place in history forgotten.

Without stories like these to remind us of the early days of aviation and how they've shaped Canada, we wouldn't have a blueprint to move forward. Proceeds from tonight's event will go towards the Museum's Education Fund, allowing us to continue educating, inspiring, and entertaining students and visitors through storytelling and the preservation and restoration of historic aircraft. This Fund also subsidizes *Take Flight!* programming for underserved students in our community.

