

Brent Trepel, president & CEO, Ben Moss Jewellers, and Brenlee Carrington Trepel.

Sheila McCarthy and Brent Carver, GGPAA recipient for lifetime achievement in theatre.

Guillaume Côté, principal dancer with the National Ballet of Canada, Anik Bissonnette, GGPAA recipient for lifetime achievement in dance, and Karen Kain, C.C., artistic director of the National Ballet of Canada.

Alison Jackson and Tom Jackson, GGPAA recipient for lifetime achievement in broadcasting

W. Galen Weston, The Hon. Hilary M. Weston, C.M. Ont., honorary chair of the GGPAA National Committee, Julia Foster, chair of NAC Board of Trustees, and Robert Foster, founding chair of the GGPAA National Committee.

Beverly Mahood, country music star and TV host.

Jean Giguère, Ramon John Hnatyshyn award recipient, and Gail Asper, O.C., O.M., LL.D., 2005 Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award recipient.

Jeronimo De Miguel, VP branding & creative at Manulife Financial and GGPAA National Committee member, and Justin Haley.

Deepa Mehta, 2012 GGPAA recipient and Greg Keelor (Blue Rodeo, GGPAA recipient for lifetime achievement in popular music).

GGPAA Gala host Colm Feore, Kari Cullen, GGPAA gala executive producer, and Peter Herrndorf, CEO of the National Arts Centre.

Arni Thorsteinson and Susan Glass, past chairs of the GGPAA Gala National Committee.

Anik Bissonnette, GGPAA recipient for lifetime achievement in dance, and Louise Lecavalier, GGPAA recipient for lifetime achievement in dance.

Margaret Fountain, GGPAA Gala National Committee.

Sarah Slean, singer-song-writer.

Her Excellency Sharon Johnston, C.C., Janine Sutto, GGPAA recipient for lifetime achievement in theatre, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

Salah Bachir, president of Cineplex Media and co-chair of the GGPAA Gala National Committee, and Kate Alexander Daniels, co-chair of the GGPAA National Committee.

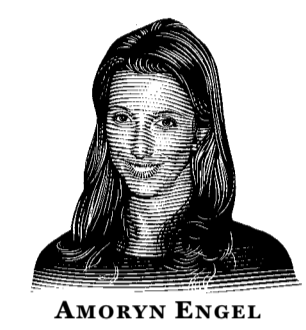
Chris Alexander, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, and Hedvig Alexander.

Victoria Jackman, GGPAA Gala National Committee.

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A CAPITAL OCCASION

Governor General's Performing Arts Awards draw a talented crowd to Ottawa



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It was a sight to behold as captains of industry from across the country and some of Canada's finest artists made their way to the National Arts Centre in Ottawa for the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards. As always, the evening would exceed expectation with all of the pomp and circumstance that our capital city has to offer. Created in 1992, the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards are Canada's highest honour for the performing arts. This year's Gala paid tribute to Lifetime Achievement Award laureates **Anik Bissonnette**, one of Canada's most acclaimed ballerinas; rock band Blue Rodeo; actor and singer **Brent Carver**; film and television actor **Tom Jackson**; revolutionary contemporary dancer **Louise Lecavalier**, and famed Quebec actress **Janine Sutto**. Also honoured were **Jean Giguère** of Winnipeg, recipient of the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Voluntarism in the Performing Arts, and National Arts Centre Award recipient **Albert Schultz**, founding artistic director of Toronto's Soupepper Theatre Company.

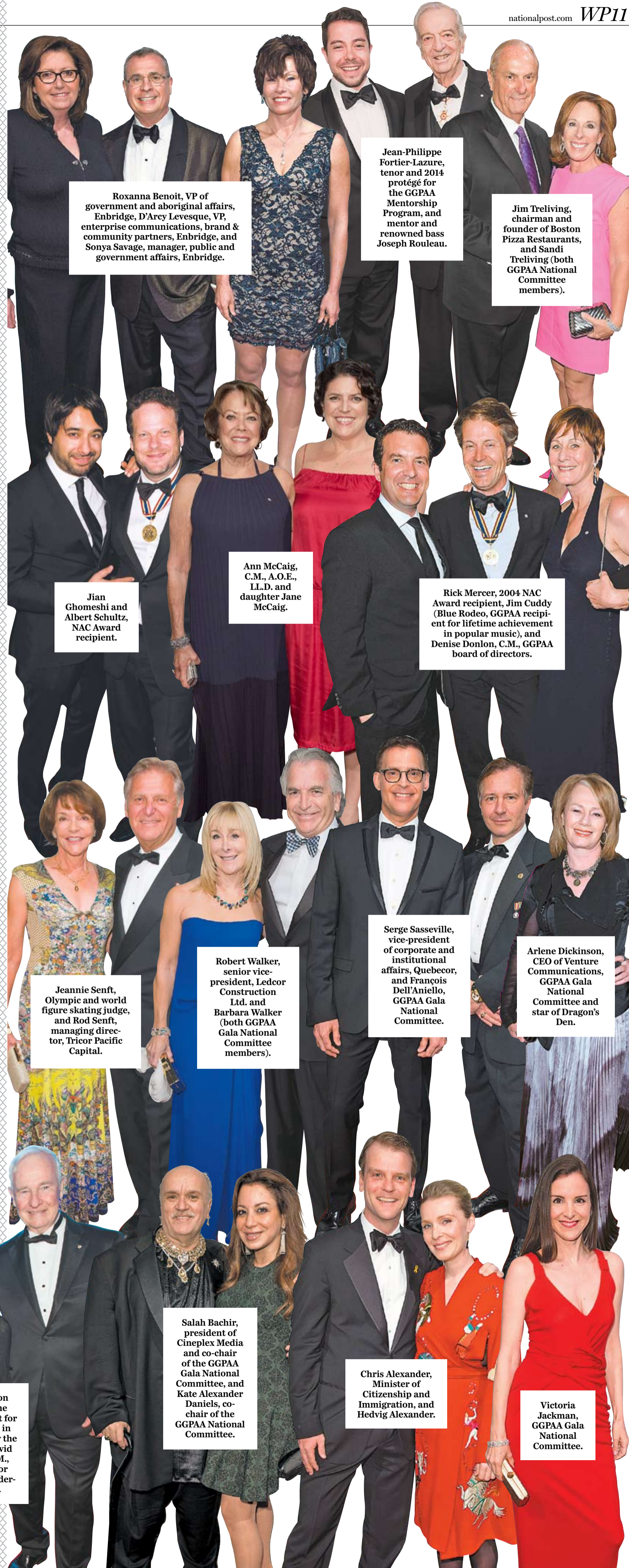
After their red carpet entrances, VIP sponsors and their guests enjoyed cocktails in the National Arts Centre main foyer followed by dinner in one of four unique dining rooms, decorated in beautiful spring hues with what looked like thousands of fresh tulips. Following the dinner, patrons were joined by the full audience to form a capacity crowd of more than 2,000 for the Gala performance in Southam Hall, hosted by actor **Colm Feore**. One of the many highlights of the night included the world premiere of a new dance creation, *Body of Work*, choreographed and performed by National Ballet of Canada principal dancer **Guillaume Côté**. The crowd in Southam Hall was thrilled when Blue Rodeo took to the stage at the end of the night for a surprise performance. Swoon! In addition to memorable performances, the show included beautifully crafted short films, specially produced for each recipient by the National Film Board, as well as a special presentation in celebration of the NFB's 75th anniversary.

While on stage, His Excellency the Right Honourable **David Johnston**, Governor General, admitted to having been a little "star-struck" himself as he addressed the laureates. "You of all people know there is no shortcut to success in the performing arts. The road is long, and you have come from far and wide. On behalf of all Canadians, I thank you for delighting and entertaining us, for stirring our emotions and stimulating our intellects, for supporting the arts, and for your dedication to excellence."

Afterward, guests enjoyed the Chandon Sparkling bar, specialty Scotch and spilled out onto the terrace overlooking the Rideau Canal. Many were thrilled to mix, mingle and take pictures with the many laureates who came out to celebrate. A truly national event, supporters hailed from Vancouver to Halifax, represented by a National Committee led by Honorary Chair, The Hon. **Hilary Weston**, and co-chairs **Kate Alexander Daniels** and **Salah Bachir**, as well as presenting sponsor Enbridge Inc., associate sponsors Boston Pizza International Inc. and Cineplex Media, inspiration seats sponsor McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Ltd. and dinner sponsor Manulife Financial Corp.

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Roxanna Benoit, VP of government and aboriginal affairs, Enbridge, D'Arcy Levesque, VP, enterprise communications, brand & community partners, Enbridge, and Sonya Savage, manager, public and government affairs, Enbridge.

Jean-Philippe Fortier-Lazure, tenor and 2014 protégé for the GGPAA Mentorship Program, and mentor and renowned bass Joseph Rouleau.

Jim Treiving, chairman and founder of Boston Pizza Restaurants, and Sandi Treiving (both GGPAA National Committee members).

Jian Ghomeshi and Albert Schultz, NAC Award recipient.

Ann McCaig, C.M., A.O.E., LL.D. and daughter Jane McCaig.

Rick Mercer, 2004 NAC Award recipient, Jim Cuddy (Blue Rodeo, GGPAA recipient for lifetime achievement in popular music), and Denise Donlon, C.M., GGPAA board of directors.

Jeannie Senft, Olympic and world figure skating judge, and Rod Senft, managing director, Tricor Pacific Capital.

Robert Walker, senior vice-president, Ledcor Construction Ltd. and Barbara Walker (both GGPAA Gala National Committee members).

Serge Sasseville, vice-president of corporate and institutional affairs, Quebecor, and Francois Dell'Aniello, GGPAA Gala National Committee.

Arlene Dickinson, CEO of Venture Communications, GGPAA Gala National Committee and star of Dragon's Den.

Salah Bachir, president of Cineplex Media and co-chair of the GGPAA Gala National Committee, and Kate Alexander Daniels, co-chair of the GGPAA National Committee.

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