

LA BIENNALE PARIS 2017

THE HONORARY COMMITTEE OF LA BIENNALE PARIS PLACED UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH HAMAD BIN ABDULLAH AL THANI

« I was honored by the invitation of the Syndicat National des Antiquaires, and by its confidence in me. It was with great pleasure that I accepted the patronage of the Honorary Committee of La Biennale Paris, a unique event and a paragon of French artistic and cultural excellence ».

Sheikh Hamad Bin Abdullah Al Thani

La Biennale Paris continues to evolve, driven by the dynamic energy brought by the new President of the Syndicat National des Antiquaires, Mathias Ary Jan, and supported by the new President of the Biennale Committee, Christopher Forbes.

Now presented on an annual basis, La Biennale Paris has, as its new President, Christopher Forbes, a great international collector and life-long lover of France and its culture. Extremely active in the promotion and support of what he considers to be one of the most beautiful salons in the world, Christopher Forbes has drawn innumerable prestigious personalities to La Biennale Paris.

Assembled by His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Abdullah Al Thani, 30 prominent international figures are mobilized to ensure the influence and develop and expand the reach of La Biennale Paris.

A renowned collector, His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Abdullah Al Thani is a connoisseur of classical and modern art. At the Grand Palais last March, he presented his extraordinary collection of Indian jewelry, which ranges from the Mughal period to the present day, in an exhibition titled «Jewels of the Al Thani Collection » which was a smashing public success.

The Honorary Committee unites presidents of the world's most prestigious museums — including Jean-Luc Martinez, President of the Louvre Museum; Mikhail Piotrovsky, President of the Hermitage Museum; and Taco Dibbits, President of the Rijksmuseum — with the most important international collectors, notably including Americans. Thus, La Biennale Paris confirms the quality and intensity of its connection with the North American collecting base.



« Of all the world's biggest international salons, The Biennale Paris has the richest history, it occupies the most emblematic space, and it has the greatest potential for development. Seeing these prestigious personalities united around His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Abdullah Al Thani confirms all the appeal of our event, and all the enthusiasm it arouses. My will, and that of my Board of Directors, is to champion the revival of La Biennale Paris, and to restore to it what belongs rightfully to it: the title of the most beautiful salon in the world ».

Mathias Ary Jan, President of the Syndicat National des Antiquaires

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