

Lionel & Ariane Sauvage Receive First Wallace Fountain Award



PARIS – Monsieur Lionel and Madame Ariane Sauvage were presented the inaugural Prix de la Fontaine Wallace at a gala charity dinner at the Paris residence of the British Ambassador to France on the evening of 22 September 2022. The British Ambassador, Dame Menna Rawlings, presented the award to the couple for their outstanding philanthropy over many years.

The award was created to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Wallace Fountains and to recognize and encourage charitable work in the spirit of Sir Richard Wallace, whose generosity was instrumental in alleviating suffering during the siege of Paris in 1870 and who gave the city of Paris the famous Wallace Fountains. The Wallace Fountains represent one of the first major Franco-British, public-private partnerships for the common good. The charitable giving by Sir Richard Wallace in both the UK and France inspired philanthropy in Europe.



Lionel and Ariane Sauvage are French Americans with links to the UK. Since the late 1980s, they have embraced philanthropy by supporting a wide range of organizations dedicated to humanitarian aid, education and cultural enrichment. Today, the

charitable giving of the Sauvage Family Foundation focuses on giving support for the environment and the conservation of natural beauty, the health of human communities around the world, international relations and the fostering of a more peaceful world, heritage, and preserving access to culture, education and the intellectual growth of humankind.

The physical award was created and fabricated by GHM-Eclatec, the foundry that continues to manufacture Wallace Fountains using the traditional method of forging decorative cast iron. It is a replica of a caryatid found on the iconic fountains. Benefitting from the charitable fundraising dinner were the British Charitable Fund and the Chateau de Bagatelle Foundation, both with close and lasting ties to Sir Richard Wallace.



The dinner was organized by the British Embassy of Paris and the Society of the Wallace Fountains.

