

## SOPHIE GOSSELIN leaves the Music Chapel and becomes director of the Waterloo Cultural Center

## Press release

The Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel announces that Sophie Gosselin, after spending more than 23 years at the Music Chapel and having accompanied its transformation since 2003 alongside Bernard de Launoit, has decided to devote herself to other professional projects. During this long period Sophie held all the positions and committed herself body and soul to the strategic project of the "new Chapel"; she contributed substantially to the achievement of its objectives at all stages, including the construction of the new wing in 2014.

Michel Delbaere, president of the Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel, a public utility foundation, and Yvan de Launoit, president of the SA Chapelle Musicale, would like to warmly thank Sophie Gosselin for everything she has brought to the Music Chapel. She helped set up a professional organization and tirelessly supported major projects, such as the Musical Cruise and the Charity Evening. She has had particular attention to the listed building and has invested in recent years mainly in requests for public subsidies, an important pillar of the structural financing of the Music Chapel.

Sophie was selected, after a long official procedure, as director of the Waterloo Cultural Center "Espace Bernier". In collaboration with Mr. Jean Ruwet, president of the Cultural Center, her challenge will be to position the town as "Waterloo, city of culture and history". She benefits from the support of the Mayor of Waterloo, Mrs. Florence Reuter, and Mr. Tanguy Stuckens, President of the Provincial Council of Walloon Brabant, both important representatives of the Music Chapel's relations with local communities. Jean Ruwet declares: "With the arrival of Sophie Gosselin, I will be delighted to have an even greater collaboration with the Chapelle Musicale."

On behalf of the members of the boards of directors of the Music Chapel, the entire staff and the Artistic Corps, the Masters and their teams, Michel Delbaere and Yvan de Launoit warmly thank Sophie Gosselin for her commitment to the service of the Chapel Musical and wish her every success in her new project.

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