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## **FRENCH MIN. OF CULTURE R. DATI SIGNS A PATRONAGE AGREEMENT FOR ORADOUR SUR GLANE**

**WITH HERITAGE FOUNDATION & DASSAULT**

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**USPA NEWS** - Minister Dati also recalled that the year 2024 would be an important year, in several respects, because it is the year of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024 but also "A few weeks before the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the massacre, on June 10, 1944, of 643 innocent victims of Nazi barbarity in the village of Oradour-sur-Glane, this first major national sponsorship in favor of the site allows us to encourage all those who wish to donate in favor of this place memory so important. Sensitive to the need to preserve and pass on to future generations in all countries this unique place of memory, Dassault Histoire et Patrimoine is committed through a sponsorship of one million euros." Source: French Minister of Culture

**THIS PATRONAGE WILL ALLOW TO EXPAND THE CONSERVATORY WORK ON THE 10 HECTARES OF ORADOUR SUR GLANE, MARTYR VILLAGE**

"This sponsorship will make it possible to amplify the conservation work on the 10 hectares undertaken over the coming months under the responsibility of State services in conjunction with the communities and the national association of the families of the martyrs of Oradour-sur-Glane. They will notably consist of crystallizing the most sensitive elements of the martyr village, restoring various parts and buildings of the site which require maintenance but also ensuring the protection of movable property on the basis of a master plan validated on December 14, 2023 by the National Commission for Heritage and Architecture.

In June 2023, the Ministry of Culture and the Heritage Foundation launched a collection of donations in favor of the preservation and transmission of the martyr village of Oradour. The objective is to mobilize a large community of French and foreign donors. The collection of donations is open on the Heritage Foundation website." Source: French Minister of Culture

**GUILLAUME POITRINAL PRESIDENT OF THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, EXPLAINS THE EXTENT THE SENSE OF MEMORY WHICH IS SPECIAL TO THE HUMAN SPECIES**

"We are doing two hours of heritage rescue and sending a great message to future generations, a message of peace, the human species has memory compared to other species and that is what allows progress." Guillaume, from the Heritage Foundation, announces the signing of the agreement of his foundation with the Ministry of Culture for which he warmly thanks the Minister of Culture Rachida Dati and the Dassault family, committing in the name of the Association of Surviving Products Oradour Sur Glane.

He explains this depth of the notion of memory and its humanist and civilizational power "The idea is to preserve this memory so that the horror no longer happens and that somewhere we understand that the resolution of conflicts is not barbarity or holocaust We are very proud we are the proletariat of the heritage of small theaters and small museums and we are very proud that the Ministry of Culture and the Dassault Foundation have accomplished a new stage in this red cross of heritage with our 983 volunteers, and 984. since this noon by designating the general director of the Heritage Foundation Alexandre Giuglarit.

He then ends with strong thanks "Thank you to the Dassault house with whom we have been linked for a long time for all generations, and to preserve heritage, with our common values, both through Dassault patronage and a vast collection on Oradour sur glane" concluded Guillaume, from the Heritage Foundation, while thanking both the Dassault Heritage Foundation and the Ministry of Culture,

while pointing to Ms. Rachida Dati, the current minister.

## MARIE HELENE HABERT RECALLS THE IMPORTANCE OF MEMORY AND OBJECTIVE AND SUBJECTIVE ELEMENTS, COMMITMENT AND PATRIOTISM

"My brothers and I at Dassault have, Olivier at the time was a driving force behind the strong symbolism we decided and our heritage advisor.

We have brought together both objective elements found in the place of the French in memory and architecture but also subjective elements such as commitment to patriotism and innovation. » explains Marie Helene Dassault, evokes the actions of these brothers of the Dassault family "My brother Thierry falls into these 2 subjective and objective categories and this is essential for all segregations, our patronage of 1 million euros will allow the 10 hectares , preservation and restoration of what we restore.

A historical reminder of the drama of Oradour Sur Glane, was made by Marie Helene Habert "On March 9, 1944, General de Gaulle consecrated this village as a martyr, the memory of which must be persevered so that this never happens again."

Marie Helene Habert (member of Dassault's Family) , also recalled the large number of visitors, annually, hence the importance of preserving this place of memory, a martyr village, "each year 300,000 visitors to this village from Limousin and I pay tribute to Jean Pierre Dassault who refused even Buskental to work with the Germans and this had a profound impact on our family and our country, we are very happy and proud to participate in the preservation of this place and its roots. » says the director of sponsorship and communications for the Dassault family. She adds " I am happy to sign this agreement with Foundation Dassault and heritage foundation

it's important to preserve it for the memory and thank you all but also we must hold on and defend our democratic and strong values "

Marie Helene " Marie Helene Habert

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## ABOUT THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

The Heritage Foundation is the leading player in generosity in favor of heritage. It was created by the law of July 2, 1996 and recognized as being of public utility by a decree of April 18, 1997. Organized around its 21 regional delegations, it supports its action on a network of 950 volunteer delegates who work each day to preserve this local heritage.

Since its creation more than 25 years ago, the Heritage Foundation has financially supported the restoration of 39,000 public and private heritage sites. These theaters, churches, fountains, factories, parks, residences, old vehicles and others constitute an immense wealth for France in a constantly evolving world.

By actively participating in strengthening the attractiveness of territories, the Foundation has become over the years a privileged partner of local stakeholders and an effective driver of sustainable economic development in our country, by contributing to job creation, by participating the transmission of know-how, professional integration, and the training of young people. Popular patronage, which calls upon public generosity, is the Heritage Foundation's most emblematic tool.

Currently, the Heritage Foundation has nearly 2,500 projects open to donations on its website.

#### ABOUT THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE

The law of May 10, 1946 transferred ownership of the remains of the martyr village of Oradour-sur-Glane to the State and declared its classification as historical monuments. The Ministry of Culture, responsible for the site, has since constantly maintained the martyr village of Oradour-sur-Glane (Haute-Vienne). However, the passage of time and bad weather cause erosion of the remains which increases as the 80th anniversary of the massacre approaches and requires larger-scale conservation intervention. Faced with this rapid acceleration in the degradation of the remains, the question arises of the sustainability of the site and the maintenance of the memory of the victims of Nazi crimes.

On the basis of a master plan validated by the National Commission for Heritage and Architecture, on December 14, 2023, providing for the restoration and maintenance of the site and estimated at 19 million euros over a period of fifteen years, a new management plan to ensure the preservation of the site in its entirety, and the expansion of conservation work on the 10 hectares must be undertaken in the coming months.../

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