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PRESS RELEASE

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Munich/Milan. The **2018 FEDORA - Generali Prize for Opera** was awarded to *Seven Stones*, a co-production with the Aix-en-Provence Festival, during a ceremony held in Munich (Germany). This marks the third year of Generali's collaboration with FEDORA - The European Circle of Philanthropists of Opera and Ballet, thus confirming the Group's commitment to encouraging innovation and creativity in music.

Philippe Donnet, CEO of Generali Group, observed, "*Generali is proud to support this partnership with FEDORA, bolstering a new generation of talented artists in order to ensure the future of opera in Europe, promoting new productions and sharing this cultural heritage with the community*".

The prize recognises talented international co-production teams that collaborate in creating new works, those that present projects of artists from different artistic backgrounds, and those whose goal is to stage theatrical works that were recently created, rediscovered or never before performed. The purpose is to preserve and guarantee the dissemination of this musical heritage, as well as to promote the ongoing creative development of young talent and of this form of art.

Giovanni Liverani, CEO of Generali Deutschland, took part in the event. *Seven Stones* is a highly innovative work created by the young Czech composer Ondřej Adámek and the Icelandic poet Sjón (also lyricist for the singer Björk). This a *capella* opera produces a richly layered sound: voice is explored in all its forms and a variety of instruments and objects are played by both the singers and members of the chorus. *Seven Stones* reveals secret memories, through seven stories that recount a collector's quest, with astonishing encounters from Buenos Aires to Paris and from Japan to Iceland.

FEDORA works closely with the organisation *Opera Europa - the Professional Association of Opera Houses and Festivals in Europe*, a leading professional network representing over 170 opera companies and opera festivals in 43 European countries.

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