

Communiqué

Conservatoire national supérieur de musique et de danse de Paris Paris Conservatoire

Monday, December 7, 2009

Mr. Pascal Dumay temporarily suspended as Director of the Paris Conservatoire

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Through the media, you have doubtless learned of the legal procedure currently engaged against Pascal Dumay, who has been temporarily suspended from his position as Director of the Conservatoire by the French Minister of Culture and Communication, Frédéric Mitterand.

The procedure under way concerns events which took place prior to his nomination and in no way implicates the Conservatoire.

As I have reminded the Conservatoire students, professors, and administration, Mr. Dumay is presumed innocent pending judgment; under such exceptional circumstances as these, it is our obligation to remain neutral and abstain from judgment.

Rémy Pflimlin, the Conservatoire Board President, has called a meeting of the Board of Trustees for Tuesday December 8 at 3 pm, in order to appoint an Interim Director.

The heads of the pedagogical and administrative departments, as well as the Conservatoire personnel, are making sure the Conservatoire continues to function normally, both internally and with regard to its external partners.

Thank you for your attention and your understanding.

Yours,

Anne Coutard
Deputy Director