



ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS RECEIVES GRANT FROM WOHL FOUNDATION

London, 30 January 2015. The Royal Academy of Arts (RA) has been awarded a £2.5m grant from the Wohl Legacy towards The Burlington Project, a major redevelopment, devised with award-winning architect Sir David Chipperfield RA CBE, which will transform the Royal Academy ahead of its 250th anniversary in 2018. This donation will help enable the restoration of the Burlington Gardens site and the creation of a link to Burlington House, uniting the Royal Academy's two-acre site in the heart of London and delivering significant improvements to visitors' experience. The refurbished Entrance Hall, Grand Staircase and first floor landing of Burlington Gardens will be named after the Wohls.

The grant, one of the landmark Wohl 50th Anniversary Grants totalling £20m, awarded one time only towards medical science and the arts to mark 50 years of giving by the late Maurice and Vivienne Wohl, was announced yesterday at an event held at the Royal Academy of Arts. In 1999, Maurice and Vivienne Wohl's appreciation of the Royal Academy also inspired them to endow the Wohl Central Hall in Burlington House.

Charles Saumarez Smith, Secretary and Chief Executive of the Royal Academy of Arts, said: "We are extremely grateful to The Wohl Legacy for their historic support of the RA. This grant will help enable the renovation of the Entrance Hall in Burlington Gardens to create a more inviting, accessible and lively space for visitors. It perfectly complements their generous donation to The Wohl Central Hall in Burlington House 15 years ago."

Notes to Editors:

The Wohl Legacy

The Wohl Legacy is a group of three charitable foundations established by the late Maurice and Vivienne Wohl. Today, their legacy of support continues for medical research, welfare and education in the UK, Israel, Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and other Jewish populations in need around the world. The three foundations build on, and reflect, the priorities established by the Wohls during their lifetime. Each foundation is chaired separately. In the UK, the Maurice Wohl Charitable Foundation is chaired by Maurice's nephew, Professor David Latchman CBE; the Maurice and Vivienne Wohl Philanthropic Foundation is chaired by Martin Paisner CBE.

Maurice Wohl, a rabbi's son, was born and raised in London. His faith and upbringing played a huge part in the evolution of his philanthropy. Maurice's company, the United Real Property Trust, became one of the top five property developers in the UK. As his wealth increased, he continued to live by the ideals of generosity and in 1965, he established the Maurice Wohl Charitable Trust, the precursor to the Maurice Wohl Charitable Foundation. Prior to Vivienne's death from cancer in 2005 at the age of 59, they decided to establish the Maurice and Vivienne Wohl Philanthropic Foundation as a reflection

of their lifetime of philanthropic activity. Maurice died in 2007, aged 90. He was buried in Jerusalem next to his beloved wife.

For more information about the grants and the foundation, please see <http://www.wohl.org.uk>.

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