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### Thankful guest donated CAD10,000

Mr. and Mrs. Ironstone from Canada were part of a group that arrived in ARIA Hotel for 3 nights in May 2014. Their accident, however, did not allow them to continue traveling. Mr. Ironstone was hospitalized with a broken leg and Mrs. Ironstone stayed at the hotel herself and had to extend their stay. Upon their departure, the hotel received an e-mail about the decision of Mr. and Mrs. Ironstone wanting to donate a financial gift worth 10,000 CAD (200 000,- CZK) to support student or music schools in the country. What led them to this warm-hearted decision?

*"My husband and I travelled to Prague as part of a Musical Tour, not only to attend your Opera House, but also to visit your beautiful city. An unfortunate accident to my husband on the second day of our visit resulted in a broken leg and a prolonged stay in the hospital. As a result I was forced to leave the Tour and stay in Prague. The support and kindness of the Aria Hotel, its owners and staff made what was very difficult time for me very pleasant. The Aria Hotel's dedication to the Arts and Music was evidenced in the beautiful decor of the Hotel. In my view, a truly superior hotel. As a means of showing our appreciation, this gift to the Music School is truly a gift from both of us and the Aria."*

Based on the recommendations of The Music Director at ARIA Hotel, Ivana Stehliková, guests decided to devote their gift to ZUŠ Jeseník (Primary Music Art School in Jeseník).

The handover of the cheque took place January 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 at The ARIA Hotel Prague, attended by representatives of the music school. Mr. and Mrs. Ironstone did not attend but enjoy the happiness of all and already plan next visit to Prague.

The General Manager, Jiří Hlavatý, adds that it is great to be part of something really special like this, that does not happen every day.

The Director of ZUŠ Jeseník says: *"Thanks to the generous intention of Mr and Mrs Ironstone and management of The ARIA hotel, our pupils received an incredible gift. The amount will be immediately used for flights to The International Music Festival in Shanghai, which will take place in September this year. Now our pupils are extremely motivated as we are one of the few schools selected to be able to be part of the festival and have means to pursue it."*

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From left: General Manager of The ARIA Hotel Jiří Hlavatý, Music Director of The ARIA Hotel Ivana Stehlíková, Sales Manager of The ARIA hotel Lucia Čudová, Chairman of the Association Friends for Music Jiří Bartoň, Director ZUŠ Zdeňka Kainarová a her deputy Tomáš Uhlíř