



**FRIENDS OF THE CHÂTEAU  
OF VAUX-LE-VICOMTE  
MEMBERSHIP**





## JOIN THE CHÂTEAU OF VAUX-LE-VICOMTE !

Dear Friends,

Imagine: in 1661, Nicolas Fouquet, Superintendent of Finance for Louis XIV, united the combined genius of three men; the architect Louis Le Vau, the painter Charles Le Brun, and the gardener André Le Nôtre, thus giving birth to a founding masterpiece conceived as a single creation.

**For over 350 years**, the Château of Vaux-le-Vicomte has inspired people all across the world as a great cultural treasure. First inspired was Louis XIV who summoned the same team to create the Château of Versailles.

**For over 350 years**, four successive families have considered as their mission the preservation and the cultural excellence of this masterpiece for an ever wider audience.

Upon entering the place, one first feels how thoroughly harmonious this masterpiece proves to be. Whether observing the preservation works, experiencing unique cultural programs or appreciating the works of art collected here, every soul feels here more like a guest than an anonymous visitor.

It is an honor to be part of this living history that celebrates the talent of musicians, actors, painters, sculptors, artists, traditional master craftsmen, students. Auguste Rodin liked to talk about "the infinite splendor of eternal things":  
**your contribution allows for the present and future of a unique 17th century cultural experience.**

Today, my family is committed to enhance Vaux-le-Vicomte as *Palace to the Arts*, sharing this passion with our generous donors and our visitors.

**I invite you to become a Friend of Vaux-le-Vicomte and join me to ensure the preservation and worldwide reputation of this Grand Siècle gem for years to come.**

**Together we can make a real difference.**

Sincerely yours,

Alexandre de Vogüé



## OUR MISSION

To share this vivid experience of French  
17th century with the widest audience

# YOUR MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION WILL PRODUCE VERY TANGIBLE RESULTS

*in favour of the preservation and worldwide reputation of the Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte, thus developing talents and supporting programs accessible to an ever broader audience.*

You may direct your "Friends of Vaux-le-Vicomte" Membership contribution to one of the following programs conducted from 2015 to 2017 or to the General Operating Fund.

## PAINTING, SCULPTURE, FURNITURE RESTORATION PROGRAMS

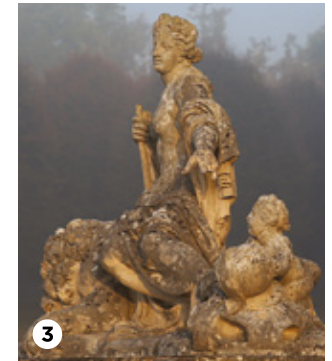


**1.** Restoration of the **Cabinet des Jeux** 1661 (sumptuous painted *décor*, gilding, woodwork).

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**2.** Restoration of the **Great Cupola** in the heart of the Château.



**3.** Restoration of 26 major outdoor sculptures by Michel Anguier, Mathieu Lespagnandel.

## GARDEN RESTORATION PROGRAMS



Replanting 100 lime trees and hornbeams in the 'French style' garden for the next 100 years.

## EDUCATIONAL TOOLS PROGRAMS



Creation of a new **digital guide** enriching the visitors' experience.

## THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND

supports all of the activities of the Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte and creates a stable financial base from which Vaux-le-Vicomte can thrive artistically and fulfill its mission as *Palace to the Arts*.

# FRIENDS – MEMBER LEVELS AND BENEFITS

(Valid for one year from date of issue)

## INDIVIDUAL

**\$ 200**

(100% is tax-deductible)

- Unlimited free admission for one person to the Château and gardens throughout the season including special exhibitions and events.
- A 10% discount at the Château's store (excl. books).
- A 5% discount at the Château's restaurant upon presenting membership card.
- Exclusive members-only information and updates.

## FAMILY

**\$ 300**

(100% is tax-deductible)

All the benefits of Individual Membership, times two, plus :

- Unlimited free admission for two children aged 6 to 18 (free under 6).
- Invitations to family-friendly events (Egg Treasure Hunt, Christmas celebrations...).
- Hands-on educational activity guides delivered by mail.

## SUPPORTING

**\$ 500**

(\$ 450 is tax-deductible)

All the benefits of Individual Membership, times two, plus:

- Annual supporting member lecture by the Château of Vaux-le-Vicomte's curator.
- Two free admission passes for unaccompanied guests.
- Recognition in Vaux-le-Vicomte's annual donor roster and on the website.

## PATRON

**\$ 1 200**

(\$ 1 000 is tax-deductible)

All the benefits of Supporting Membership, plus:

- Invitations for two to opening evening receptions for the season's launch.
- One full color catalogue selected by the Château.
- Pre-booking possibility for any special event (concert, theatre piece...).
- Access to members-only exclusive spaces.

## BENEFACTOR

**\$ 2 500**

(\$ 2 100 is tax-deductible)

All the benefits of Patron Membership, plus:

- Invitations to events organized by American Friends of Vaux-le-Vicomte throughout the U.S.
- Invitations for two to private talks with the Château's curators and the garden's landscaper or a signature session.
- Two additional free admission passes for unaccompanied guests (four in total).
- Additional full color catalogue selected by the Château (two in total).

## SUSTAINING BENEFACTOR

**\$ 5 000**

(\$ 4 500 is tax-deductible)

All the benefits of Benefactor Membership, plus:

- Invitations for two to a breakfast with the curators.
- Welcome from the family members in the Château.

## MAJOR BENEFACTOR

**\$ 12 000**

(\$ 11 300 is tax-deductible)

All the benefits of Sustaining Benefactor Membership, plus:

- Invitations for two to a breakfast with one of the family members.
- Enjoy a customizable private tour for up to ten guests, guided by the Directors.
- Major Benefactor Medal awarded by one of the family members in the Grand Salon.

# MEMBERSHIP FORM



## YES, I WANT TO BECOME A FRIEND OF VAUX-LE-VICOMTE !

U.S.-based donors can support our activities in a tax-efficient way through a contribution to the American Friends of Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte at the King Baudouin Foundation United States (KBFUS). Because KBFUS is a public charity, within the meaning of Sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) of the IRC, donors may claim the maximum tax benefits allowed by U.S. tax law for their contributions.

## MEMBER INFORMATION

Mr.  Miss  Dr.  Mrs.  Ms.

Name : .....

Address : .....

City : ..... State : ..... Zip Code : .....

Daytime Telephone : ..... Evening Telephone : .....

E-mail : .....

## SECOND CARDHOLDER INFORMATION (if necessary)

Name : .....  Mr.  Miss  Dr.  Mrs.  Ms.

## SUPPORTED PROGRAM

Please use my contribution for:

- Painting, sculpture, furniture restoration programs
- Educational tools programs
- Garden restoration programs
- The General Operating Fund

## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

- Individual (\$ 200)
- Family (\$ 300)
- Supporting (\$ 500)
- Patron (\$ 1 200)
- Benefactor (\$ 2 500)
- Sustaining Benefactor (\$ 5 000)
- Major Benefactor (\$ 12 000)

## PAYMENT Below are the different ways you can contribute as a Friend of Vaux-le-Vicomte :



**Gifts by check** payable to King Baudouin Foundation United States (KBFUS)  
Important: please include "Vaux-le-Vicomte" in the memo section.



**Gifts by credit card** on [www.kbfus.org](http://www.kbfus.org) (click on the 'Donate now' button at the bottom of the home page and select 'Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte' under 'Giving Option 1: Non profit partners overseas'.)



**Gifts by wire transfer:** please contact Ellena Fotinatos at [ellena@kbfus.org](mailto:ellena@kbfus.org) or by phone (212) 713 7660.

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- I do not wish to receive any benefits.
- Please send me information about including the Château of Vaux-le-Vicomte in my will and estate plans.


**Thank you for your support of the Château of Vaux-le-Vicomte**




## **MORE INFORMATION**

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