

# KEEPING THE LEGACY ALIVE TO INSPIRE THE FUTURE OF WATCHMAKING

**Neuchâtel, Thursday, March 20, 2025** – The board members are proud to announce the creation of the Dominique Renaud Foundation, dedicated to preserving, sharing, and celebrating the extraordinary legacy of Dominique Renaud, a visionary in contemporary watchmaking. Designed as a living archive, the Foundation will collect and showcase drawings, prototypes, timepieces, and other personal creations that have shaped his remarkable 40-year career.

#### PRESERVING AND SHARING AN EXTRAORDINARY WATCHMAKING LEGACY

A true pioneer who masterfully blends tradition and innovation, Dominique Renaud has played a defining role in shaping modern watchmaking through his groundbreaking ideas and collaborations with leading brands. His work has become a benchmark for collectors and enthusiasts worldwide. The Dominique Renaud Foundation will curate and organize this invaluable heritage, making it accessible through exhibitions, publications, and cultural and educational initiatives.

### BRINGING THE WATCHMAKING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Throughout his career, Dominique Renaud has championed collaboration, believing that innovation thrives through creative dialogue and the exchange of ideas. His inventive spirit and unique expertise have left a lasting mark on modern watchmaking. In this spirit, the Foundation will actively engage watch brands, museums, and collectors to enrich its archives, fostering an environment where knowledge and creativity are shared and passed on.

#### INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

True to Dominique Renaud's philosophy, the Foundation is committed to openness and knowledge-sharing, shining a light on those who have contributed to the evolution of modern watchmaking alongside him. More than a tribute, this initiative ensures that his spirit of curiosity and ingenuity continues to inspire future generations.

By providing a space for learning, dialogue, and experimentation, the Foundation will equip young watchmakers with the skills and creative freedom to explore new horizons and push the boundaries of traditional craftsmanship.

The Foundation's board will be chaired by Mr. Jean-Frédéric Jauslin and will include Mr. Dominique Renaud, Mr. François Cornu, Ms. Olivia Dhordain, and Mr. Benoît Dubuis.





Dominique Renaud

## **ABOUT DOMINIQUE RENAUD**

Born in 1959 in Besançon, Dominique Renaud is a major figure in modern watchmaking, renowned for four decades of innovation. A descendant of a prestigious watchmaking lineage, he began his career at Audemars Piguet before co-founding Renaud & Papi in 1986—a company that became a reference in the development of complications for Haute Horlogerie brands. After selling his company, he pursued new opportunities, combining freelance projects with personal endeavors.

A free spirit, Driven by a relentless curiosity and a deep respect for craftsmanship, Renaud has always valued collaboration, particularly with young talents such as Julien Tixier, with whom he launched the Renaud Tixier brand in 2023 under the Manufacture Dominique Renaud. This multi-faceted organization embodies his values through a range of watchmaking projects. In 2025, he established his own Foundation to safeguard and pass on his remarkable legacy.

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