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THE MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL COMPETITION (MIMC) PRESENTS ITS NEW PARTNERS

The Orchestre symphonique de Montréal (OSM) and Radio-Canada join forces with the MIMC.

Montreal, Monday, February 20, 2012 — In this pivotal year symbolically marking the 10th year of the Montreal International Musical Competition, which was founded in 2002, the MIMC is especially proud to be teaming up with two key partners: the OSM and Radio-Canada. Their support will allow the MIMC to further its reach at both the national and international levels.

The OSM will accompany the finalists on June 5 and 6, as well as the winners during the gala concert on June 8. Remember that the **2012 Voice edition of the MIMC will take place from May 28 to June 8**. According to Mr. André Bourbeau, who co-founded the MIMC with Mr. Joseph Rouleau, “very few organizations, even at the international level, benefit from orchestras of this calibre. This is an invaluable opportunity for the young musicians from all over the world.” The official list of candidates will be announced in May, at the inaugural press conference.

A leading broadcaster, Radio-Canada will offer unique coverage of the Competition on its various platforms, allowing an even broader audience to appreciate the talent of these young artists. Mr. Jacques Marquis, Executive and Artistic Director, believes that “this partnership with the OSM and Radio-Canada will create new synergy and reaffirm the MIMC’s position among the greatest international music competitions.”

A NEW SPOKESPERSON

It is with great enthusiasm that the MIMC’s administration announces that tenor Marc Hervieux will act as spokesperson for this edition dedicated to voice. There is no doubt that this generous artist, well known and well liked by one and all, will further contribute to demystifying the operatic art form among the general public.

THE COMPETITION IS MOVING

The Quarter Final and Semi-Final rounds will now take place at the new Bourgie Concert Hall in the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, and the Final round and gala concert will take place at the Maison symphonique de Montréal.

BOX OFFICE

The various box offices will be open starting tomorrow. Tickets for the Quarter Final and Semi-final rounds will be available at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts box office. Tickets for the Final round and the Gala Concert will be available at both the Place des Arts and OSM box offices.

The MIMC plays a key role in the finest tradition of classical concert music. The Competition seeks to discover and support young singers, violinists, and pianists who have distinguished themselves as masters of their art. Since the very first edition, dedicated to voice, in 2002, nearly 2,000 candidates have applied to take part in the various editions, and, of these, more than 300 were given the opportunity to perform in Montreal, to the great delight of music lovers. The MIMC is a member of the World Federation of International Music Competitions, and of the Alink-Argerich Foundation.

More details can be found at www.concoursmontreal.ca.

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