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**MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL COMPETITION – VOICE 2012  
MAY 28 – JUNE 8**

**CANDIDATES, PROGRAMMING AND *OFF* COMPETITION**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

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- 26 candidates (12 women and 14 men). Average age: 28.
- Candidates from 7 different countries. 13 candidates from Canada including 5 from Quebec.
- Explore 26 individual portraits of the candidates, from around the world via *Skype*, at [www.concoursmontreal.ca](http://www.concoursmontreal.ca) and to highlight our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, discover messages from our previous laureates at [Facebook.com/concoursmontreal](https://www.facebook.com/concoursmontreal).
- Compulsory Canadian Work: *Daybreak*, by John Estacio, poem by John Murrell.
- Total prizes and engagements: over \$150,000.
- For the winner of the First Prize: \$30,000, and the Career Development Program valued at \$20,000.
- The \$5,000 Radio-Canada People's Choice Award will be awarded during the gala evening on June 8. It is possible to vote online at [Radio-Canada.ca/cmim](http://Radio-Canada.ca/cmim).
- The competition is moving: The quarter finals (May 29 to 31) and the semi-finals (June 1 and 2) will take place at the Bourgie Concert Hall in the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, and the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal conducted by Alain Trudel will accompany the finalists (June 5 and 6), and the winners at the Gala concert (June 8), at the Maison symphonique de Montréal.
- Radio-Canada is offering a coverage of the semi-finals and finals on Espace Musique, official broadcaster of the MIMC, and also over the web at [Radio-Canada.ca/cmim](http://Radio-Canada.ca/cmim).
- [CBCmusic.ca/classical](http://CBCmusic.ca/classical), Radio One and Radio 2 are also offering coverage of the Competition as part of their programming.
- In addition to these live broadcasts, the Final round will be heard in several countries around the world through Radio-Canada's association with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU).
- Spokesperson : tenor Marc Hervieux.

## **OFF COMPETITION, OPEN TO ALL AND FREE OF CHARGE**

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Several voice-related activities are also being held, free of charge and open to one and all. These activities take place from June 2 to 8, in Place des Arts' Espace culturel Georges-Émile-Lapalme:

### **MEGAPHONE | 3 to 9 year-olds**

Saturday June 2 & Sunday June 3

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. | Duration: 20 min.

Crafts and voice workshop | Families welcome!

### **ENCHANT YOUR VOICE | 3 to 5 year-olds**

June 4 to 7 | 9:30 p.m. & 10:15 p.m. | Duration: 30 min.

For daycare & preschools only

Reservations required : 514-845-4108, ext. 0

### **DISCOVER YOUR INNER VOICE | 7 to 12 year-olds**

June 4 to 7 | 1:30 p.m. | Duration: 55 min.

For schools only

Reservations required : 514-845-4108, ext. 0

### **HAPPY HOUR CONCERTS**

At the Place Deschamps Wine Bar

June 2 & 3 and June 5 to 8 | 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Renata Scotto and Sir Thomas Allen, two of the international jury members, will offer master classes open to the public, at the Bourgie Concert Hall, in Montreal Museum of Fine Arts:

### **MASTER CLASSES | June 3**

2:30 p.m.: Renata Scotto (In French)

7:00 p.m.: Sir Thomas Allen (In English)

## **THE 26 CANDIDATES**

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### **BELARUS**

Mr. Yuri Gorodetski, tenor

Mr. Anatoli Sivko, bass-baritone

### **CANADA**

Ms. Caroline Bleau, soprano

Ms. Irina de Baghy, mezzo-soprano

Ms. Sasha Djihanian, soprano

Ms. Emily Duncan-Brown, soprano

Mr. Cosimo Eliseo, baritone

Ms. Miriam Khalil, soprano

Mr. Karel Martin Ludvik, bass-baritone

Ms. Ileana Montalbetti, soprano

Ms. Simone Osborne, soprano

Ms. Andréanne Paquin, soprano

Mr. Philippe Sly, bass-baritone

Ms. Jennifer Taverner, soprano

Ms. Jacqueline Woodley, soprano

### **SOUTH KOREA**

Mr. Won Whi Choi, tenor

Mr. Insu Hwang, baritone

Mr. Dongshin Lee, tenor

Mr. Yohan Yi, bass-baritone

### **UNITED STATES**

Mr. John Brancy, baritone

Mr. Eric Jurenas, counter-tenor

Mr. Tim Mix, baritone

Mr. Sidney Outlaw, baritone

### **POLAND**

Ms. Magdalena Wór, mezzo-soprano

### **RUSSIA**

Mr. Viktor Antipenko, tenor

### **SUISSE**

Ms. Olga Kindler, soprano

## THE MEMBERS OF THE JURY

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### CANADA

Mr. Joseph Rouleau  
Mr. Kwamé Ryan  
Ms. Edith Wiens

### RUSSIA

Mr. Dmitry Vdovin

### UNITED KINGDOM

Sir Thomas Allen

### FRANCE

Mr. Jean-Pierre Brossmann  
Mr. Dominique Meyer

### UNITED STATES

Ms. Edith D. Bers

### ITALY

Ms. Renata Scotto

President of the jury: Mr. André Bourbeau

## WHERE AND WHEN TO HEAR THE CANDIDATES

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### CONCERT HALLS

#### QUARTER FINALS

**Bourgie Concert Hall, in Montreal Museum of Fine Arts**  
**MAY 29, 30 & 31, 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**  
**Per session: \$15 / \$7.50 student**

#### SEMI-FINALS

**Bourgie Concert Hall, in Montreal Museum of Fine Arts**  
**JUNE 1, 7:30 p.m.**  
**JUNE 2, 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**  
**Per session: \$20 / \$10 student**

#### FINALS

**Maison symphonique de Montréal**  
**JUNE 5 & 6, 7:30 p.m.**  
\$50, \$35, \$20  
\$25, \$17.50, \$10 student  
**Orchestre symphonique de Montréal**  
**Guest Conductor: Alain Trudel**

#### GALA CONCERT

**Maison symphonique de Montréal**  
**JUNE 8, 7:30 p.m.**  
\$65, \$45, \$30  
\$32.50, \$22.50, \$15 student  
**Orchestre symphonique de Montréal**  
**Guest Conductor: Alain Trudel**

*Prices are exclusive of all taxes and duties.*

## **RADIO**

### **ESPACE MUSIQUE | 100.7 FM in Montreal**

**MONDAY, MAY 28**, 8 p.m.

*Soirées classiques*: Concert by Nareh Arghamanyan, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, 2008 | Host: Michel Keable

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**, 12 p.m.

*L'Opéra du samedi*: The jury performs! | Host/Producer: Sylvia L'Écuyer

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3**, 10 p.m.

*Le Printemps des musiciens*:

Past laureates – Where are they now? | Host: Françoise Davoine

**MONDAY, JUNE 4**, 8 p.m.

*Soirées classiques*: Meet the finalists | Host: Michel Keable | Guest: Mario Paquet

**TUESDAY, JUNE 5 AND WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6**, 7:30 p.m.

Live broadcast of final round | Hosts: Mario Paquet and Françoise Davoine

### **CBC RADIO ONE | 88.5 FM in Montreal**

#### ***HOMERUN***

**TUESDAY, JUNE 5 – FRIDAY, JUNE 8**, 3 to 6 p.m.

Daily coverage of the competition | Journalist: Lindsay Michael | Host: Sue Smith

### **CBC RADIO 2 | 93.5 FM in Montreal**

#### ***IN CONCERT***

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10**, 11 a.m.

Highlights from the competition | Host: Bill Richardson | Guest: Lindsay Michael

#### ***TEMPO***

**TUESDAY, JUNE 5 – THURSDAY, JUNE 7**, 12 p.m.

Daily coverage of the competition | Host: Julie Nesrallah

## **WEB**

### **RADIO-CANADA.CA/CMIM**

Starting May 22, browse the MIMC 2012 exclusive content

**FRIDAY, JUNE 1**, 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**, 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Live audio webcast

**TUESDAY, JUNE 5 AND WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6**, 7:30 p.m.

Live audio webcast

### **CBCMUSIC.CA/CLASSICAL**

**MONDAY, MAY 28 – FRIDAY, JUNE 8**

Online coverage of the competition

## INFORMATION AND BOX OFFICE

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### **PASSPORTS AND PACKAGES:**

Montreal International Musical Competition  
514-845-4108, extension 0

### **SINGLE TICKETS:**

**Bourgie Concert Hall, in Montreal Museum of Fine Arts:** 1339, rue Sherbrooke Ouest  
514-285-4108, ext. 0

**Maison symphonique de Montréal:** 1600, rue Saint-Urbain  
Place des Arts Box office : 514 842-2112

## NEWS FROM THE WINNER OF THE 2011 PIANO EDITION

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Italian pianist Beatrice Rana is among the Competition's youngest laureates. The winner of the MIMC's First Prize in 2011, at just 18 years of age, dazzled us all with her great virtuosity, musicality, and inner sensibility. In April, as part of the Career Development Program included with the First Prize, she recorded her first CD for the ATMA label. On the program: all of Chopin's preludes and Scriabin's Sonata-Fantasy. The disc is scheduled for release in the fall of 2012.

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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:** [www.concoursmontreal.ca](http://www.concoursmontreal.ca)

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