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MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL COMPETITION – VOICE 2012: AND THE FINALISTS ARE...

Montreal, Saturday, June 2, 2012 – The Montreal International Musical Competition (MIMC) announces the eight finalists and the detailed schedule of the Finals (Maison symphonique de Montréal, Place des Arts):

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

07:30 p.m.: Emily Duncan-Brown, soprano, Canada 08:00 p.m.: John Brancy, baritone, United States 08:30 p.m.: *Break* 09:00 p.m.: Philippe Sly, bass baritone, Canada 09:30 p.m.: Sidney Outlaw, baritone, United States

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

07:30 p.m.: Yuri Gorodetski, tenor, Belarus 08:00 p.m.: Andréanne, Paquin, soprano, Canada 08:30 p.m.: *Break* 09:00 p.m.: Won Whi Choi, tenor, South Korea 09:30 p.m.: Olga Kindler, soprano, Switzerland 10:00 p.m.: DELIBERATION 10:30 p.m.: CEREMONY

The announcement of the laureates will be made following the last Final session on Wednesday, June 6.

The complete musical programme of each round is available at http://concoursmontreal.ca/permanent/en/concours/candidats.asp

CONCERT HALL

MAISON SYMPHONIQUE DE MONTRÉAL TUESDAY, JUNE 5 AND WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 7:30 p.m.

\$50, \$35, \$20
\$25, \$17.50, \$10 student
Orchestre symphonique de Montréal
Guest Conductor: Alain Trudel
<u>WEB</u>

RADIO-CANADA.CA/CMIM TUESDAY, JUNE 5 AND WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6 7:30 p.m.: Live audio webcast

RADIO

ESPACE MUSIQUE | 100.7 FM in Montreal

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 | Guest: Nathalie Paulin

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

INFORMATION AND BOX OFFICE

DON'T MISS THE GALA CONCERT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 8! With the **Orchestre symphonique de Montréal** conducted by Alain Trudel

TICKETS

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

INFORMATION

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

NOT TO BE MISSED: OFF COMPETITION!

The MIMC also invites you take to part in the free voice-related activities for one and all in Place des Arts' Espace culturel Georges-Émile-Lapalme:

MUSIC WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN: MEGAPHONE | 3 to 9 year-olds

SUNDAY JUNE 3, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. | Duration: 20 min. Crafts and voice workshop | Families welcome!

HAPPY HOUR CONCERTS

At the Place Deschamps Resto-Bar June 2 & 3 and June 5 to 8 | 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m

SUNDAY, JUNE 3: QW4RTZ VOCAL QUARTET

Louis Alexandre Beauchemin | François Pothier Bouchard | David Gélinas | Xavier Roy. The group's musical horizons are broad: classical, pop, jazz, barbershop, new music. All styles are touched on—a cappella—in original arrangements created almost entirely by the members themselves.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5: UNIVERS BAROQUE

Sophie Lemaire – singer and flutist; Jean Félix Mailloux – bassist; Marie Neige Lavigne – violinist. Repertoire: Purcell, Handel, Caccini, Monteverdi, and more.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6: CHANTAL JOURDAN : ÇA JAZZE CHEZ NOUS!

Chantal Jourdan puts a touch of jazz on pieces she considers to be undeniable classics of the Quebec song repertoire. Accompanied by well-known musicians from the jazz scene, such as Michel Héroux and Nicolas Ferron Geoffroy, as well as Antoine Ferron Geoffroy, she moves from Vigneault to Harmonium, from La Bolduc to Plume, and from Dubois to Léveillée.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7: PÂQUERETTE

Pâquerette Ouellette is an engaging country & western singer who might remind you of one of your aunts from out in the country! Together with her loyal accompanist, Arlette, at the guitar, she'll sing songs that are good for the soul!

FRIDAY, JUNE 8: BRIGITTE SAINT-AUBIN

Singer-songwriter Brigitte Saint-Aubin is a multidisciplinary artist. Accompanied by highly talented multiinstrumentalist Jean-François Groulx (Bori, Louise Forestier), she performs songs from her first two albums, as well as a few new pieces.

More details: http://concoursmontreal.ca/permanent/en/horaire/activites.asp

MASTER CLASSES | JUNE 3

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:

2:30 p.m.: Renata Scotto (In French) 7:00 p.m.: Sir Thomas Allen (In English) 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

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