

**CHRISTIANE LEBLANC IS LEAVING THE CMIM  
A WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT!**

**Thursday, February 23, 2023** – The Concours musical international de Montréal (CMIM) announces the retirement, this coming May, of Ms. **Christiane LeBlanc**, Executive and Artistic Director of the CMIM and its Foundation since 2012.

During her mandate, Christiane LeBlanc oversaw the production of ten editions of the competition—including one exceptional digital edition during the pandemic, which managed to uphold the organization’s international reputation and earned the CMIM an Opus Award for Event of the Year in 2021. Under her remarkable leadership, the CMIM team organized several prestigious musical events and activities, along with bold new initiatives. She is credited with, among others, the creation of the Improvisation Prize, and Mini Violini—a junior component for child violin prodigies, which Montreal audiences will get to experience once again on April 22 and 23.

In recent years, the CMIM has consolidated its artistic partnership with the OSM—the competition’s official orchestra—, doubled the prize money given to the laureates, earned an enviable position on the global digital stage and added a highly successful Art Song division to its editions dedicated to voice.

As the announcement was made, Louise Roy, Chair of the CMIM’s board of directors, expressed her profound gratitude on behalf of the organization and the Montreal public for Christiane LeBlanc’s dedication and contribution to the CMIM in recent years.

*“Christiane managed to bring together an entire community of loyal partners, friends, and donors around her great passion for music and young artists,”* stated Louise Roy. *“Her legacy is invaluable. She allowed the CMIM to take on an undeniable lustre and rise to position itself among the world’s major international competitions. The administrators of both the CMIM and its Foundation join me in wishing Christiane all the very best in her next stage of life.”*

It is with great emotion that Christiane LeBlanc is preparing to exit the CMIM, recalling how the organization plays such a wonderful role, at the intersection of worldwide competitors, renowned judges, audiences from home and abroad, our cultural sphere, and the many partners who have always remained loyal.

*“I am profoundly grateful for the welcome I received from the competition’s co-founders, André Bourbeau and Joseph Rouleau, upon my arrival, and for the incredible support of my dear colleagues, and administrators who have placed their trust in me through the years, projects, and challenges. Together, we have witnessed the blossoming of exceptional careers that have enriched the local and international music scene.”*

Christiane LeBlanc has dedicated her entire career to the development and promotion of classical music. Before her time at the CMIM, she worked for Radio-Canada for over 25 years, as a music producer and director for radio, television, and the Web.

Christiane LeBlanc will officially leave the CMIM at the end of May, after the conclusion of the Violin edition, taking place from April 22 to May 4. She will continue her association as a member of the Foundation's board of directors. The CMIM's board of directors will soon announce details regarding the recruitment of Ms. LeBlanc's successor. In the meantime, unsolicited applications may be submitted to the board's corporate secretary/treasurer, M<sup>e</sup> Jacques Vincent, at: [j.vincent@gvdlegal.ca](mailto:j.vincent@gvdlegal.ca)

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### **ABOUT THE CMIM**

The Concours musical international de Montréal (CMIM) is one of Canada's great cultural achievements. It is an exceptional springboard for classical musicians of the next generation. Over the past 20 years, the CMIM has shone a spotlight on the talent of over 600 international competitors and chosen 85 laureates. Montreal can take great pride in having had participants from over 90 countries perform here on stage!

**Violin 2023:** Experience the musical energy of passionate violinists, from April 22 to May 4, 2023.  
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