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GRAND SEASON OPENER WITH KENT NAGANO

Free outdoor concert on September 2
in tribute to the courage of the Haitian people

with the participation of Cirque Éloize, Luck Mervil,
Dany Laferrière and Marie-Josée Lord
and with staging by Denis Bouchard

Montreal, August 16, 2010 – The Orchestre symphonique de Montréal and its music director, **Kent Nagano**, will kick off the 2010-2011 season in grand style, with a **large-scale musical celebration** offered free of charge to the whole of the Montreal community. On Thursday, September 2, 2010, the public is invited **to the Parterre du Quartier des spectacles, next to the site of the OSM’s future hall**. That symbolic setting illustrates the unique character of the transitional moment that the Orchestra is living through, as it prepares to present its final concert season at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier. This evening’s event will be given in a sense of solidarity with the Haitian people, as Maestro Kent Nagano himself has stated: “At this concert, we will pay tribute to the courage and to the determination of the Haitian people, who are undergoing a tragedy that has deeply distressed my colleagues and myself.”

Stage direction for the event has been entrusted to **Denis Bouchard**, while **Luck Mervil** will handle hosting duties. The program will be divided between music from the great orchestral repertoire and contemporary works more popular in inspiration. Richard Strauss’ *Don Juan* and Stravinsky’s *Firebird* will rub shoulders with a Gershwin tune, “Summertime,” sung by **Marie-Josée Lord**, as well as John Adams’s *Lollapalooza* and Luck Mervil’s song “Mézanmi,” which he will perform with the Orchestra. Samuel Barber’s famous *Adagio* will also be performed, with the reading of a text prepared by the writer **Dany Laferrière** (Prix Médicis 2009). **Cirque Éloize**, meanwhile, will be adding a visual dimension to the performance of *The Firebird*.

During the concert, audience members will have the opportunity to purchase souvenir bracelets. Each dollar collected will be donated to **Vilaj Vilaj des villages pour le monde**, an organization working in Haïti.

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September 2 at 7 p.m. (Parterre du Quartier des spectacles) **Grand season opener of the OSM. Kent Nagano, conductor; Denis Bouchard, director; Cirque Éloize; Marie-Josée Lord, soprano; Luck Mervil, singer; Dany Laferrière, narrator.**

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