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Good news! Singer-songwriter LUCK MERVIL joins the cast of the OSM / Loto-Québec Concerts in the Parks

FREE CONCERTS

on the theme *The Americas*
under the direction of STÉPHANE LAFOREST
and hosted by SÉBASTIEN BENOIT

- **Tuesday, July 27, at 7:30 p.m.** : Maisonneuve Park, MONTREAL
- **Wednesday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m.** : Site historique de l'Île-des-Moulins, TERREBONNE
- **Friday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m.** : Parc Regard-sur-le-Fleuve, SOREL-TRACY

Montreal, Friday, July 16, 2010 – Once again this summer, the OSM is presenting 3 free concerts, which in keeping with tradition continue to make classical music available to the greatest number of people. The concerts will provide the public with the opportunity of enjoying unforgettable musical moments. The OSM is offering them under the direction of its first assistant conductor, **Stéphane Laforest**, while hosting duties for these evenings, ideal for outings with family or friends, have been entrusted to **Sébastien Benoit**.

In a program entitled “The Americas,” the OSM will perform renowned works like Gershwin’s *An American in Paris* and excerpts from Bernstein’s *West Side Story* and from Dvořák’s “New World” Symphony. The Orchestra will also present a tango by Astor Piazzolla and even symphonic arrangements of songs by Gilles Vigneault.

In addition to these exciting and unifying scores, **Luck Mervil** will join the OSM to perform one of his own compositions: *Mézanmi*, which became the flagship song of the 200th anniversary of Haitian independence, celebrated in 2004, and now, what with recent events, has become almost a prayer. At these concert-events, spectators will be invited to purchase a souvenir bracelet as a symbol of support for Haiti’s reconstruction.

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A partnership that is ongoing and another that begins

Since 1996, Loto-Québec is partnering with the OSM in presenting these free events. A new partner of the OSM, SIRIUS Satellite Radio Canada is proudly collaborating to these concerts for a first year.

The OSM wishes to thank the cities of Montreal, Terrebonne and Sorel-Tracy for their participation in the staging of these concerts.

***The OSM / Loto-Québec Concerts in the Parks* are presented by Loto-Québec in collaboration with SIRIUS Satellite Radio Canada**

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Leonard Bernstein: Overture to *Candide*

Antonín Dvořák: Symphony No. 9 in E minor, "From the New World," Op. 95, first movement (*Adagio - Allegro molto*)

Godfrey Ridout: *Fall Fair Overture*

George Gershwin: *An American in Paris*

Alberto Ginastera: *Danza final (Malambo)* from Estancia, Op. 8a

Astor Piazzolla (arr. Stéphane Laforest): *Oblivion*

Luck Mervil (arr. Guy St-Onge): *Mézanmi*

Leonard Bernstein: *West Side Story* (excerpts)

Léon Bernier: orchestral arrangements of works by Gilles Vigneault

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