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THE 2011 OSM / LOTO-QUÉBEC CONCERTS IN THE PARKS

FREE CONCERTS

on the theme Russian Journey

under the direction of **NATHAN BROCK**

hosted by **SÉBASTIEN BENOIT** for a second year

- **Tuesday, July 26, 7:30 p.m.:** Île Lebel Regional Park, REPENTIGNY
- **Wednesday, July 27, 7:30 p.m.:** Multi-Sport Park, MONT-SAINT-HILAIRE
- **Thursday, July 28, 7:30 p.m.:** The-Honourable-George-O'Reilly Park, MONTREAL (VERDUN)

Montreal, Monday, May 9, 2011 – Once again this year the OSM is continuing its **tradition of free concerts in the parks**, designed so that the general public can discover the beauties of the orchestral repertoire in some of the most congenial spots in the greater metropolitan area. Families and friends are invited to turn out in great numbers for three **free concerts**. The OSM will be performing on **Tuesday, July 26, at Île Lebel Regional Park in Repentigny**, on **Wednesday, July 27, at Multi-Sport Park in Mont-Saint-Hilaire** and on **Thursday, July 29, at The-Honourable-George-O'Reilly Park in Montreal (Verdun)**. All concerts begin at **7:30 p.m.**

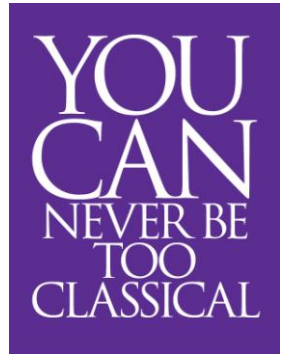
Not-to-be-missed events of the summer season, these concerts were established in 1938 by the OSM's first director, Wilfrid Pelletier, and enable the Orchestra to maintain a warm and special connection with the surrounding community. This year the OSM will explore the classical repertoire of Russia under the direction of assistant conductor **Nathan Brock**. Hosting duties for these evenings that appeal to everyone have been entrusted once more to **Sébastien Benoit**.

Entitled "Russian Journey," the program for these concerts consists of five masterpieces from the Russian repertoire. Audiences will be carried away by the blazing overture to **Glinka's** *Ruslan and Ludmila*, the romanticism of the Waltz from **Tchaikovsky's** *Swan Lake*, **Borodin's** enchanting *Polovtsian Dances*, the delectable Waltz No. 2 from **Shostakovich's** first Suite for Variety Orchestra, used notably in several movie soundtracks, and **Tchaikovsky's** explosive *1812 Overture*.

Nathan Brock, conductor

Nathan Brock has occupied the position of assistant conductor with the OSM since July 2009. He has worked in close collaboration with the Orchestra's music director, Kent Nagano, and with numerous guest artists in opera and orchestral productions at Place des Arts, on Radio-Canada television and at the Festival Cervantino in Mexico.

Nathan Brock was born in Toronto in 1978. He began his musical training at the age of four, studying percussion, piano, viola da gamba and finally cello. He also holds a bachelor's of arts degree magna cum laude (double major in history and



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music, with a minor in French).

Sébastien Benoit, spokesman and host

A familiar face on Québec's cultural landscape, Sébastien Benoit has made a name for himself over the years as host of television programs like *Flash* on TQS and *Des vertes et des pas mûres*, *La Fureur* and *Pyramide* on Radio-Canada. Since 2004 he's been bringing his vitality to responsibilities as host of the shows *Le bonheur est à quatre heures* and *Super Set* on 105.7 Rythme FM. He also hosts *Connivence* (Monday to Thursday at 5:30 p.m.) and *Droit au but* (Thursdays at 10:45 p.m.) on Radio-Canada. This will be his second participation as spokesman and host of the OSM / Loto-Québec Concerts in the Parks.

Essential partners

Since 1996, Loto-Québec has partnered with the OSM in presenting these free events. In addition, SIRIUS Satellite Radio Canada, a partner of the OSM's since 2010, is proud to collaborate in the presentation of these concerts for a second year.

The OSM would like to thank the cities of Repentigny, Mont-Saint-Hilaire and Montreal (Verdun) for their participation in the production of these concerts.

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Glinka, *Rouslan et Ludmilla*, Overture

Borodin, *Polovtsian Dances*

Tchaikovsky, Waltz from *Swan Lake*

Shostakovich, Waltz No. 2 from Suite for Variety Orchestra No. 1

Tchaikovsky, *1812 Overture*

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