

**The 5th edition of the OSM Couche-Tard Classical Spree
establishes itself as a fixture on the Montréal festival scene and
draws an increasingly diversified audience of close to 60,000
people**

Montréal, August 13, 2016 - The 5th edition of the OSM Couche-Tard Classical Spree has been a true success, with record ticket sales and an attendance of close to 30,000 people at Place des arts and over 30,000 more at the big concert held at the Olympic Stadium. The public has responded in greater numbers than ever to the appeal of classical music in a festive and laid-back atmosphere. Diversified audiences, of all ages and backgrounds, could find what they wanted at the musical marathon presented by the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal and its music director, Kent Nagano. This grand-scale event offers a one-of-a-kind experience, where artists and audiences can rub shoulders. It is now very much a part of the great tradition of Montréal festivals, offering as it does a continually enhanced programming.

The 2016 OSM Couche-Tard Classical Spree, from August 10 to 13, is: the big kickoff concert on the Olympic Park's Esplanade Financière Sun Life; a flurry of over 30 concerts at Place des Arts in the company of great artists from one generation to the next; a host of free entertainment events for the whole family; two unique evenings in the open air on the Quartier des spectacles Parterre; and concerts by young-musician orchestras at Complexe Desjardins throughout the day on Saturday.

“Over the last five years, the OSM Couche-Tard Classical Spree has enjoyed a steadily growing success,” exulted Madeleine Careau, chief executive officer of the OSM. “We convey our warmest thanks to the public for responding with such enthusiasm and for making this a major event of the Montréal summer. Thanks as well to our invaluable public and private partners, who make it possible to stage this great celebration of classical music. And we can already extend an invitation for the 6th edition of the OSM Couche-Tard Classical Spree next year, on the weekend of August 11, 2017!”

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Privileged partner: **Place des Arts**

Zone partners: **Air Canada, Yamaha Canada Music Ltd., Stingray Brava, Domtar, Ici Musique, Radio-Classique**

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The **Nussia and André Aisenstadt Foundation**, the **Mirella and Lino Saputo Foundation** and **BMO Financial Group** are pleased to contribute financially to the staging of the OSM Couche-Tard Classical Spree's outdoor activities via the **Fondation de l'OSM's "Branché sur la communauté"** fund.

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