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LE BAL DES ENFANTS DE L'OSM

Magical evening at the OSM which helped raise more than \$275,000



(Photo Paul Doumit – From left to right: Megan et Emmanuel (Young reporters of the Bal des enfants), Kent Nagano, Isabelle Hudon, Alice Morel-Michaud, Patrick Drolet, Aline Kutan and Madeleine Careau)

Montreal, Saturday, February 14, 2015 – The second edition of the **Bal des Enfants** de l'OSM presented today by the Sun Life Financial, helped hundreds of children of all horizons discover symphonic music during a grand celebration especially created for them. Inspired by *Alice in Wonderland*, this concert-event helped support the OSM's education and accessibility mission, by anchoring the event in Montreal culture and musical tradition.

Presided by **Isabelle Hudon**, Executive Chair, Québec, and Senior Vice-President, Client Solutions of Sun Life Financial Canada, this concert-event under the direction of **Kent Nagano** was fully packed with happy smiles and joy shared with family. The 2015 Bal des enfants allowed the young public to discover works by Debussy, Ravel, Glass, Xenakis, Ligeti, Beintus, Stravinsky, Satie and Britten, through the different scenes illustrating this fantastic tale by Lewis Carroll!

The children and their families started the evening by entering on the OSM red carpet and with a snack in the lobbies of the Maison symphonique. The concert-event starred young actress **Alice Morel-Michaud** as **Alice**, soprano coloratura **Aline Kutan** as the **Queen of Hearts** and actor **Patrick Drolet** depicted three prominent characters from the legendary tale: **the White Rabbit**,

the Caterpillar and the **Cheshire Cat**. The story was staged by **Michel G. Barette**. At the end of the concert, the children left with gifts and unforgettable memories!

“Tonight, we are delighted to welcome families of the Montreal community for the second edition of the Bal des enfants de l’OSM, a festive evening starring creative artists from the world of classical music, dance, circus and dramatic arts, and that enchanted the young and the young at heart”

Kent Nagano

Thanks to the generosity of the donors and partners that chose to support a cause, the OSM welcomed, free of charge, children from the following programs: Circuit hospitalier universitaire Sainte Justine, the Fondation pour enfants diabétiques, Montreal Children’s Hospital, the École Marcel-Vaillancourt, Shriners Hospital for Children, Je passe partout, Centraide, The Myriam Foundation, Carrefour parenfants, Batshaw Youth and Family Centres, The Marie-Vincent Foundation, Children’s Wish Fondation, Les petits trésors, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Montreal, Women’s Centre of Montreal, Partageons l’espoir, Créations ect., la Fondation Oulanne, Unicef, The Lighthouse children and families, Fondation Centre de cancérologie Charles-Bruneau, Sun Youth and Regroupement pour la Trisomie 21.

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