



**EMMANUEL BILODEAU AND ÉDITH COCHRANE, HONORARY PATRONS,  
ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO DISCOVER THE THIRD EDITION OF  
THE BAL DES ENFANTS DE L'OSM**

**Saturday, February 27, 2016, at noon, at Maison symphonique de Montréal**

**With actors Emmanuel Bilodeau (Don Quixote), Sébastien Gauthier (Sancho Panza),  
Félix Monette-Dubeau (Knight of the Moon), soprano Florie Valiquette (Dulcinea)  
and dancer Myriam Allard**

**Under the direction of Kent Nagano**

Montréal, December 8, 2015 – After two editions crowned with success, the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal is carrying on with tradition and inviting families to the **OSM Bal des enfants**, a concert-event dedicated entirely to children and taking place at Maison symphonique de Montréal on **Saturday, February 27, 2016, at 12 p.m.**

On the theme of *Don Quixote's Spanish Adventure*, this third edition of the Bal des enfants will be presided over by Patricia Châteauneuf, Director of National Multiplatform Sales and Customer Innovation, CBC & Radio-Canada Media Solutions; and Sandy Vassiadis, Director of Corporate Communications, Saputo Inc.

*“The benefits of introducing children to the wonders and joy of classical music are many and far-reaching. At the OSM, we believe all children, regardless of background, should have access to these benefits as they develop into the leaders of tomorrow. For our third edition of the Bal des Enfants we invite children and their families from all over the Montreal area to discover their orchestra through the fascinating and colourful world of Spanish-inspired music and the classic story of Don Quixote. With this family-oriented event, we are proud to further the important causes of music education and accessibility for the youth in our communities.”* **Kent Nagano**

*“It’s with great pleasure that we invite you to join our little family on the occasion of the Bal des enfants de l’OSM. By taking part, you make it possible for the wonderful world of music to touch the hearts of young people, to inspire their creativity and contribute to the OSM’s young-audience initiatives.”* **Emmanuel Bilodeau and Edith Cochrane**

### **A Spanish Adventure with Don Quixote**

The OSM is reinventing the Spanish chivalrous adventure through a multidisciplinary concert inspired by the Cervantes novel *Don Quixote de la Mancha*, with a staging by **Charles Dauphinais** and a script by **Simon-Pierre Lambert**. The symphonic evening will combine theatre, singing, dance, and of course music to delight its audience and transport it to a fantastical world.

The program, designed especially for its young audience (aged 5 and over) will feature great works from the orchestral repertoire inspired by Spain along with contemporary compositions, performed by the musicians of the OSM under the direction of **Kent Nagano**. In a festive spirit, where the youngsters are at the heart of the event, the concert will be preceded by entertainment and a snack in the lobbies of Maison symphonique and followed by an autograph session with the performers.

*Don Quixote’s Spanish Adventure* features a troupe of entertainers led by actors **Emmanuel Bilodeau** and **Sébastien Gauthier** in the roles of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza who together create a story, inspired by Cervantes’ characters, in which dream and reality intermix, where glory is the reward and love is an absolute.

### **An important role with the young and the community**

In addition to raising funds in support of the OSM’s mission of education and accessibility, the Bal des enfants makes it possible for hundreds of children and their families, thanks to the sponsorship of recognized organizations, to attend the event free of charge and benefit from an exceptional experience with the Orchestra’s musicians. The different firms that sponsor the Bal des enfants allow young people to imprint the indelible memory of a sublime experience in their hearts, while at the same time sparking their interest in orchestral music.

The funds collected at this benefit concert last year helped over 22,000 young spectators attend OSM Youth Concerts. Every year the Orchestra welcomes more than 1,000 young people from disadvantaged areas to various educational activities at no charge. Donations also contribute to making music increasingly more accessible thanks to the OSM’s free summertime activities, which were enjoyed by over 130,000 people in 2015.

To make a donation, get in touch with the OSM at 514 840-7425.

To purchase your tickets and reserve your seats:

514 842-9951 or 1 888 842-9951

More details at

[www.baldesenfants.osm.ca](http://www.baldesenfants.osm.ca)

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