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MORE THAN 100,000 PEOPLE CAME OUT TO HEAR THE OSM THIS SUMMER!

Montreal, Wednesday, September 3, 2014 – Kent Nagano and the musicians of the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal are winding up the summer galvanized by the unforgettable get-togethers they got to enjoy with an enormous audience, whether at Maison symphonique de Montréal or outside the walls of their home.

First, three free *OSM in the parks with SiriusXM* concerts brought together close to 25,000 people in Terrebonne, Beauharnois and Montreal North. The Orchestra then traveled to the **Festival de Lanaudière** to present two open-air performances under the direction of Kent Nagano, which nearly 10,000 people came out to see. The OSM also took part in various festivals in town, drawing tens of thousands of listeners at the **Montreal International Jazz Festival**, the **FrancoFolies de Montréal** and the **Fashion & Design Festival**. As we know, Kent Nagano then launched the **OSM Couche-Tard Classical Spree Festival**, staging a major free concert at Olympic Park's Esplanade Financière Sun Life with *Carmina Burana* and a chorus of 1,500 voices before over 40,000 spectators. The Festival carried on at Place des Arts, with 25,000 people turning up to hear some 30 low-priced concerts and participate in free activities for the entire family designed to introduce visitors to classical music in a festive atmosphere.

“Our mission is to make the magnificent repertoire of classical music as accessible as possible,” stated a delighted Madeleine Careau, chief executive officer of the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal. “Over the summer, more than 100,000 people were on hand to share memorable moments with us. Our thanks to everyone, and we hope to see you again next summer!”

It should be mentioned that a gallery of [photos](#) from the OSM Couche-Tard Classical Spree can be found on the Orchestra's Facebook page.

Romeo & Juliette opens the new season

Brimming with that summertime energy, the OSM will kick off its 81st season in a few days, offering their audience *the* end-of-summer musical event with *Romeo and Juliet: A Night in Verona*. Kent Nagano will be conducting Hector Berlioz's dramatic symphony based on the tragedy by William Shakespeare, the 450th anniversary of whose birth is being celebrated this year. What better way to generate the powerful emotions that will get the Orchestra's 81st season under way on the highest possible note!



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