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PROGRAM CHANGE

Montreal, September 30, 2014 – The Orchestre symphonique de Montréal announces some programming changes for the weeks of February 15 and February 22, 2015. Violinist **Maxim Vengerov**, *the Larry and Cookie Family Foundation Artist in Residence* of the OSM 2014-2015 season, had to cancel his Montreal engagement due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict.

“We are disappointed by this news, but hope the OSM will soon have another opportunity to welcome Mr. Vengerov to Montreal,” declared Marianne Perron, the OSM’s Director of Music Programming.

Maxim Vengerov will be replaced by pianist **Emanuel Ax**, as *artist in residence*, and by Russian violinist **Andrey Baranov** in the scheduled presentation of Tchaikovsky’s *Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 35*.

Details of the programming changes:

Week of February 22, 2015

The Tchaikovsky-themed concerts on Thursday, February 26 and Saturday, February 28, will be led by Nathan Brock. Under the direction of the latter, **Andrey Baranov** will perform Tchaikovsky’s *Violin Concerto*. Please note that the concert program has been modified and will feature the following works:

A tribute to Tchaikovsky

Arensky, *Variations on a Theme by Tchaikovsky*, Op. 35a, for string orchestra

Tchaikovsky, *Hamlet*, Op. 67

Tchaikovsky, *Violin Concerto in D major*, Op. 35

Tchaikovsky, *Capriccio italien*, Op. 45

Cancellation of the Monday, February 23 recital: In the absence of Maxim Vengerov, this recital has been cancelled. It will be replaced with an additional concert showcasing Emanuel Ax, on Friday, February 20. See details below.

Week of February 15, 2015:

Larry and Cookie Family Foundation Artist in Residence, Emanuel Ax will present the February 17, 18 and 19 concerts as scheduled.

Additional concert on Friday, February 20: Emanuel Ax will also give a concert at the Maison symphonique de Montréal, during which he will perform as a soloist during the first half and as part of a

chamber ensemble in the second. This concert, which is part of the recital series presented in collaboration with Pro Musica, will be:

Emanuel Ax in recital

Bizet, *Variations chromatiques de concert*

Rameau, Pièces de clavecin

Debussy, *Estampes*

Debussy, *Images*, First Volume, « Hommage à Rameau »

Debussy, *L'isle joyeuse*

Emanuel Ax, piano

Schumann, Quintet in E-flat major, Op. 44

Emanuel Ax, piano

Andrew Wan, violin

Olivier Thouin, violin

Neal Gripp, viola

Brian Manker, cello



Andrey Baranov

Violin

Andrey Baranov is winner of more than twenty international competitions including the Benjamin Britten International Violin Competition and the Henri Marteau International Violin Competition in 2008, as well as the Queen Elisabeth Violin Competition in 2012.

Andrey is the first violinist of the David Oistrakh Quartet. Born in St Petersburg in 1986 into a family of musicians, he attended the Rimsky-Korsakov Conservatory in St-Petersburg and Conservatoire de Lausanne. He studied with Vladimir Ovcharek and Pavel Popov, before becoming the assistant of French violinist Pierre Amoyal.

Since making his debut in 2005 at St Petersburg Philharmonie hall under, Andrey has performed in concert hall around the world joining world-renowned orchestras including the Brussels Philharmonic, the Royal Philharmonic London and the Luxembourg Philharmonic Orchestra.

Since 2009, Andrey Baranov teaches many international master classes, notably in Bangkok, Chicago, Riga, Vilnius, Stockholm, Moscow and Manchester. In 2011, Teodor Currentzis invited him to join MusicAeterna Symphony Orchestra as guest concertmaster.

Artists in Residence

Pianist Lang Lang and Maxim Vengerov were both artists in residence for the OSM 2014-2015 season. Lang Lang will continue to hold the position of artist in residence this season, while Emanuel Ax will replace Maxim Vengerov. The *OSM Artists in Residence Program* is made possible through the generous support of the Larry & Cookie Rossy Family Foundation.

Customer Service

The OSM's Customer Service department will contact subscribers and ticket holders affected by this cancellation. Customer Service may be contacted at 514 842-9951.

The Orchestre symphonique de Montréal apologizes for any inconvenience this cancellation may cause to ticket holders and to its clientele.

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