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THE OSM IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE AN UPCOMING CONCERT TO BE STREAMED ON MEDICI.TV

Montreal, Thursday, February 5, 2015 – The Orchestre symphonique de Montréal is pleased to announce to local and worldwide audiences that a new concert, *Emanuel Ax and the Brahms First Concerto* under the direction of Kent Nagano, is to be offered streaming free of charge on medici.tv. It will be recalled that medici.tv is an international Web platform offering a huge catalogue of classical music online, and broadcasting concerts from the greatest orchestras, festivals and events and contemporary classical artists.

Free live broadcast! Rendezvous on February 18 on osm.ca

Emanuel Ax and the Brahms First Concerto will be streamed for the OSM on medici.tv, which will make the performance available live free of charge on the evening of the concert on February 18 and delayed for a period of three months following the concert. The OSM is thus continuing its association with medici.tv for a fifth concert since the start of their partnership in 2013.

Musical program

Orchestre symphonique de Montréal

Kent Nagano, conductor

Emanuel Ax, piano

Samy Moussa, *Nocturne*, World premiere – OSM commission (approx. 10 min.)

Mendelssohn, Symphony No. 5 in D minor, Op. 107, (*Reformation*) (approx. 27 min.)

Brahms, Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor, Op. 15 (approx. 44 min.)

Among the most admired artists on the international scene, Emanuel Ax has a remarkable track record, punctuated by numerous awards and acclaimed recordings. Lying between a concerto score and a symphony, *Brahms's Piano Concerto No. 1* is renowned as much for its virtuosity as for its poetry. And the richly and evocatively orchestrated Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 5 (*Reformation*) evokes all the composer's melodic and dramatic genius.

Relatedly, it should be pointed out that a "Composer of the year" special prize has just recently been bestowed on Samy Moussa by the Conseil québécois de la musique during the last edition of the Prix Opus gala. As part of the inaugural concerts for the Grand Orgue Pierre-Béique, in May 2014, the OSM premiered Samy Moussa's work *A Globe Itself Infolding*, which it had commissioned. The Orchestra is pleased to be able to announce that a new world premiere by the composer is being streamed on medici.tv.

“The OSM is thrilled to rank with the great orchestras broadcast on the prestigious platform that medici.tv comprises,” stated OSM chief executive officer Madeleine Careau. “This will be the fifth OSM concert offered on this platform. The first four proved to be highly popular, reaching nearly 200,000 music lovers around the world. On the heels of that success, the OSM is seeking to strengthen its presence on new broadcast platforms such as medici.tv to reach an even broader audience.”

About medici.tv

Launched in May 2008, medici.tv brings together over 200,000 members from 182 countries, making it the world leader in the broadcast of classical-music videos online. Throughout the course of the year, medici.tv offers:

- Over 100 live concerts per year
- 1,400 landmark films on the site and on mobile applications, tablets and connected TVs

The audio-visual platform makes it possible to watch free of charge, live and at later dates, concerts from the finest orchestras, festivals and events and contemporary classical artists. The medici.tv offer comprises all classical-music genres: recitals, chamber music, orchestral concerts, operas and ballets along with numerous commentaries, master classes and artist portraits available on VoD. medici.tv is also available on iPhone, iPad and Android mobile applications.



Information: 514 842-9951 or www.osm.ca

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