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### CONCERT ADDED FOR BRYAN PERRO'S TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS TALES

**Montreal, October 30, 2012** – The Orchestre symphonique de Montréal is pleased to be adding a **3<sup>rd</sup> performance of “Christmas According to Bryan Perro” on December 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Maison symphonique de Montréal.** This concert joins those already scheduled for Friday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 15 at 2:30 p.m., and reflects the lively interest kindled by these Kent Nagano–conceived Christmas concerts, which blend classical music and festive-season tradition. These three shows, presented under the direction of **Maestro Nagano**, will also offer **great works from the orchestral repertoire**, such as Berlioz, Bizet, Saint-Saëns and Wagner, and **traditional music** of the holiday season orchestrated by Jean-Fernand Girard.

#### **Traditional tales by Bryan Perro**

At the invitation of the OSM, Québec writer **Bryan Perro** has created a number of Christmas tales in the traditional and fantastic spirit for which the prolific author is known. Perro, the author and storyteller, invites us to journey to among other places the heart of two villages from another time, rivals on the banks of the Saint-Maurice River, transporting us from one world to the next, to the cadence of each tale and by way of locations, characters and things. **Denis Bouchard** is responsible for the **stage direction** of this holiday concert – which will feature appearances by other artists, including Alain Lamontagne (podorhythm and harmonica), Michel Bordeleau (podorhythm and violin), Benoit Bourque (jigging), and Simon Gauthier (musical saw). Rendezvous are scheduled for social networks as well, including on the Sun Life Financial Facebook page beginning on November 30, where elements from the tale, narrated by Bryan Perro and incorporating imagery courtesy of illustrator Étienne Milette, will be revealed as an exclusive up to the moment of the concert. **Imagined by Kent Nagano**, the presentation of Christmas tales by the OSM is inspired by **ancestral Québec holiday-season traditions**. They take us back to a time not so far away when every village gathered around its local storyteller to discover, over a few evenings, magical, otherworldly stories that left their mark on people's imaginings from generation to generation. Those stories have turned into an **annual get-together at the OSM**, which is proud to be associated on these occasions with some of the finest of Québec's storytellers and authors.

**Bryan Perro** is enjoying phenomenal success with his young-readers series *Amos Daragon*, which at this date consists of twelve volumes. Perro is internationally recognized, with the series translated into twenty-two languages and available in twenty-six countries. In 2006 he won the Prix jeunesse en littérature de science-fiction et de fantastique québécois.

**Tickets for the additional concert on Saturday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. will go on sale on November 5 starting at 9 a.m.** They can be reserved by visiting [osm.ca](http://osm.ca) or by contacting the OSM box office at 514 842-9951.

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