

A preview of the 2015 OSM Classical Spree Festival: Tickets for four concerts on sale now!

Montreal, Thursday, February 19, 2015 – The **OSM Classical Spree Festival** has become the **don't-miss classical rendezvous** for Montrealers and visitors to our city. The fourth edition, which will take place from August 5th to 8th, 2015, promises to be every bit as **urban, festive and accessible** as before. Music lovers with or without experience can be swept away by the classical whirlwind from one concert to the next, from one activity to the next, from one discovery to the next! Here is a preview of this edition, which will reunite great names and classical favorites which will inspire to discover.

Great outdoor free concert

The public from here and elsewhere will be delighted to learn that this year again the Classical Spree will kick off on Wednesday, August 5 – with a **free outdoor grand-scale concert conducted by Kent Nagano**. Full details to follow in May.

A flurry of concerts for all

On August 7 and 8, in four halls of the Place des Arts, including the Maison symphonique de Montréal, a **flurry of 30 45-minute low-priced concerts (\$10 to \$40)** and a **host of free activities** await the public eager to **discover the beauty of classical music**.

Four concerts on sale now

The public can already purchase tickets for four of the 2015 Classical Spree Festival concerts, including the much anticipated concert of Canadian violinist **James Ehnes**, who will present, among others, Frank Zappa's *Envelopes*. At the Maison symphonique, **Kent Nagano** will offer the audience the ultra-famous **Beethoven Fifth Symphony**. And for kids, the Organist in residence, **Jean-Willy Kunz** and the well-known host **Patrice Bélanger** will propose the **Carnival of the Animals**, during a unique event combining multimedia projections and the spectacular sounds of the Grand Orgue Pierre-Béique. A beautiful surprise awaits the public: Jazz pianist **Oliver Jones** will be revisiting his classical roots to join the festivities!

What a Spree!

In addition to these four first concerts, the Festival, will present, this year again, great names of classical music scene, among them pianists **Nikolai Lugansky** and **Benjamin Grosvenor**. Following the theme of **world music**, the OSM will make the public discover the enchanting sounds of India and of the Quebec folklore. All concerts and events of the **2015 Classical Spree Festival** will be released in May.

Tickets on sale now for the four concerts on osm.ca or vireeclassique.osm.ca

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Accessible to all, this great Montreal festival of classical music is intended as much for the curious as for music lovers. A true **celebration of classical music**, the festival presents, in the OSM's tradition of excellence, great artists from one generation to the next, who will be performing as soloists, chamber musicians or in concert with orchestra in a festive, urban and laid-back atmosphere. Concerts for the entire family, special programs for children and free activities consisting of performances, exhibits and get-togethers with the artists all await! Full details on the OSM Classical Spree Festival programming will be unveiled in May. **The Orchestra is proud to share the beauty of the classical repertoire, and continues to take as its mission the breaking down of barriers between "great music," artists and the audience.**

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