



OSM COUCHE-TARD CLASSICAL SPREE FESTIVAL AFTER THE OLYMPIC PARK, THE PLACE DES ARTS!

More than 30 concerts and a concert version opera
OSM summer spokesperson: Charles Lafortune

Reminder of activities

Montreal, Wednesday, August 6, 2014 – In the framework of its summertime concerts, the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal is back in force for a third consecutive year with its [OSM Couche-Tard Classical Spree Festival](#), which will run from August 14 to 16, first on the Esplanade Financière Sun Life at the Olympic Park and then in four of the halls at the Place des Arts, including the Maison symphonique de Montréal.

Kent Nagano conducts six concerts, a host of internationally renowned artists and the pairing of Pierre Lapointe with the Grand Orgue Pierre-Béique

A true celebration of music unequalled for its spirit of bringing people together, the event takes place at Place des Arts on August 15 and 16 will showcase over 200 musicians from Canada and around the world. Among the renowned artists taking part in the OSM Couche-Tard Classical Spree may be mentioned violinists Veronika Eberle and Vadim Repin, pianists Rafał Blechacz, Marc-André Hamelin, Karin Kei Nagano and Tengku Irfan, soprano Erin Wall and tenor Marc Hervieux. To these may be added an unusual get-together between Pierre Lapointe and Jean-Willy Kunz, the OSM organist in residence, in a concert featuring the Grand Orgue Pierre-Béique.

How to choose your Classical Spree?

To personalize an itinerary, consult the complete concert programming at vireeclassique.osm.ca. There are also itinerary suggestions by OSM musicians. It is also possible to get in touch with OSM customer service available Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 514 842-9951. Social media aficionados can also follow the Orchestra on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) all summer long to discover the guests artists and OSM musicians.

Free activities

The OSM Couche-Tard Classical Spree Festival is just as much a summer event for families. With a long list of [free activities](#) designed to enrich the experience, the young and not so young can meet the guest artists, the OSM musicians and Kent Nagano, learn to conduct an orchestra with the workshop *conductor 101* presented by OSM assistant conductor Dina Gilbert, test their knowledge in a musical quiz hosted by Charles Lafortune, or learn to play tam-tam in a group, or the trumpet – or even build instruments!



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Program changes for the OSM Couche-Tard Classical Spree

Please note the following changes:

- Pianist Andreas Haefliger had to cancel his participation to the Festival. He will be replaced by Stéphane Lemelin in Schumann's Quintet presented at 3 p.m. on August 16. However the recital Mr. Haefliger was presented on the same day at 11:30 a.m. had to be canceled.
- Violinist Yolanda Bruno, grand prize winner of the 2013 OSM Standard Life Competition also had to cancel her appearance. For this recital, she will be replaced by Kerson Leong, winner of the Competition's first prize that same year and will be accompanied at the piano by Philip Chiu. The works interpreted will be the Sonata for Violin and Piano No. 2 in G major by Ravel, Wagner's *Albumblatt* romance for Violin and Piano and the Sonata for violin and piano No. 3 in D minor by Brahms
- The concert version opera, *A Quiet Place* will be presented at 8 p.m. on Friday, August 15 instead of 10 p.m. as previously announced. Consequently, one of the two representations of Brahms' German Requiem, the one presented at 7:45 p.m. on the same day, will be canceled. The 8:30 p.m. representation on Saturday, August 16, is maintained. Please note that tenor Dominic Armstrong is replaced by Benjamin Hulett.

The OSM Couche-Tard Classical Spree Festival

In all, 30 concerts lasting 45 minutes each, with ticket prices ranging only from \$10 to \$40, will be presented in a flurry in four venues at Place des Arts: Maison symphonique de Montréal, Salle Jean-Duceppe, Cinquième Salle and Salle Claude-Léveillée. Not forgetting the free entertainment program for the entire family offered throughout the festival: educational activities, interviews with the artists, entertainment, exhibits, autograph sessions and get-togethers with the artists round out the lineup of this one-of-a-kind celebration of classical music.

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