

## Presenting the first 2018 rendezvous at the Maison symphonique!

From the moment the curtain rises on 2018, the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal will be kicking off its year of tribute to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the death of Sergei Rachmaninoff in grand style. For the occasion, under the direction of Kent Nagano, we will present the composer's celebrated Second Piano Concerto, performed by Yevgeny Sudbin. The acclaimed pianist from St. Petersburg will also perform a recital showcasing Russian music. As well, Rachmaninoff's moving Symphony no. 2, conducted by Conrad van Alphen, will give the public a chance to hear the young flutist Benjamin Morency, the OSM Manulife Competition's Grand Prize winner. The year 2018 will also mark the first Montréal appearance by British pianist Paul Lewis and the return of Spanish conductor Juanjo Mena, in the concert BEETHOVEN AND TCHAIKOVSKY. Lastly, VIENNA AND PARIS, 1800, a concert of chamber music presented at Bourgie Hall, will conclude the program for January.

### SUDBIN PLAYS RACHMANINOFF'S SECOND CONCERTO

TUESDAY 9 AND SATURDAY 13 JANUARY 2018, 8 PM

Sergei Rachmaninoff's ravishing Second Piano Concerto, whose second movement inspired Eric Carmen's song *All By Myself*, will enrapture Maison symphonique audiences in this, our first musical rendezvous of 2018. Russian pianist **Yevgeny Sudbin** will perform the concerto's beautiful melody. Acclaimed for his remarkable interpretations of the works of Sergei Rachmaninoff, Sudbin will be joined by **Andrew Wan**, violin, **Brian Manker**, cello and **Philip Chiu**, piano. This concert is presented by Air Canada.

### YEVGENY SUDBIN IN RECITAL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018, 8 PM

Born in St. Petersburg in 1980, **Yevgeny Sudbin**, artist in residence of the OSM this season, was hailed by *The Telegraph* as "potentially one of the greatest pianists of the 21st century." In this recital presented in partnership with Pro Musica, the first half of the concert will feature Haydn's Piano Sonata in B minor and Six Bagatelles, op. 126, by Beethoven, while the second half will be dedicated to two Russian composers: Tchaikovsky and Scriabine.

### THE PASSION OF RACHMANINOFF'S SYMPHONY NO. 2

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018, 8 PM

As part of this year of commemoration to mark the anniversary of Rachmaninoff's death, the OSM invites the public to the Maison symphonique, to be moved by the Romanticism of the composer's Trio élégiaque no. 1 and then to fall under the spell of his Second Symphony. Under the direction of **Conrad van Alphen**, this passionate program will transport spectators to another place and give them the chance to hear the OSM Manulife Competition's Grand Prize winner: flutist **Benjamin Morency!** This concert is presented by Manulife.





Juanjo Mena

## BEETHOVEN AND TCHAIKOVSKY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018 AT 8 PM AND THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018 AT 10:30 AM AND 8 PM

For the first time in Montréal, we will hear British pianist **Paul Lewis**, regarded as one of the leading musicians of his generation. Acclaimed for his recordings of the Master's sonatas and concertos, he will perform Beethoven's Concerto no. 3, a fresco with piano and orchestra engaging in a rich dialogue. Spanish conductor **Juanjo Mena**, who dazzled us with an electrifying interpretation of Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony in 2015, will direct the composer's Symphony no. 6 in B minor, op. 74, "Pathétique," a work written by the Russian composer near the end of his life.

### AT BOURGIE HALL...

#### VIENNA AND PARIS, 1800

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018, 6:30 PM

January wraps up with a concert of chamber music that brings together OSM soloists **Andrew Wan**, violin, **Charles Pilon**, viola, **Brian Manker**, cello, **Ali Yazdanfar**, double bass, **Todd Cope**, clarinet, **John Zirbel**, horn and **Stéphane Lévesque**, bassoon. They will take the public on a musical journey from Paris to Vienna with French pianist and composer Hyacinthe Jadin's Trio for Violin, Viola and Cello in F major, op. 2, no. 3, followed by Beethoven's Septet for Winds and Strings in E-flat major, op. 20.

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