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## 7th EDITION OF THE OSM CLASSICAL SPREE FESTIVAL

Four concerts presented at the Maison symphonique on sale this Saturday

With Kent Nagano, Patricia Kopatchinskaja, Alexei Volodin,  
the OSM Chorus and musicians



Montréal, Thursday, January 25, 2018 – The OSM offers a foretaste of the seventh edition of the **OSM Classical Spree**, a fixture on Montreal's summer festival calendar, which runs from **August 29 to September 2, 2018**. Once again this year, some of the biggest names in classical music will offer audiences of every stripe the opportunity to plunge into the musical worlds of the great composers.

### Kent Nagano celebrates the great choruses of Wagner and Verdi

Friday, August 31 at 7 PM

Saturday, September 1 at 9:15 PM

Maestro Kent Nagano and the OSM Chorus present the choral works of Wagner and Verdi, two leading lights of German and Italian Romanticism. The concert features the most beautiful excerpts from the operas *Aida*, *Nabucco*, *Tannhäuser* and *Die Walküre*, all examples of the grandiose use that was made of choruses and the orchestra in these composers' lyrical works.

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Kent Nagano, conductor  
The OSM Chorus  
Andrew Megill, OSM chorus master

Opera excerpts from *Tannhäuser* and *Die Walküre* by Wagner, and *Nabucco* and *Aida* by Verdi

## The Hungarian folklore of Brahms and Bartók

Friday, August 31 at 8:45 PM

Kent Nagano invites you to traverse the picturesque villages of Hungary in the company of Brahms, Kodály and Bartók. Tinged with nostalgia and arousing an irrepressible desire to dance and revel in traditional festivities, the *Hungarian Dance no. 6* and *Dances of Galánta* capture the imagination with their rhythmic verve and poignant melodies. Also on the program will be the gripping *Violin Concerto no. 1*, written by a young Bartók, who drew on his Hungarian roots for inspiration.

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Patricia Kopatchinskaïa, violin

Bartók, Violin Concerto no. 1, Sz. 36  
Kodály, *Dances of Galánta*  
Brahms, Hungarian Dance no. 6

## Tchaikovsky's celebrated piano concerto

Saturday, September 1 at 7:30 PM

On the heels of his resounding success in Montreal last November, pianist Alexei Volodin returns to the OSM and Kent Nagano. Regarded as one of the outstanding pianists of his generation, Volodin this time brings his masterful technique and musical refinement to a performance of Tchaikovsky's *Concerto no. 1*. One of the most beloved works in the piano repertoire, the concerto had to be staunchly defended by the Russian composer who, when challenged to revise it, pledged, "I shall not change a single note!"

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Tchaikovsky, Piano Concerto no. 1

## **The OSM Classical Spree: the orchestral music event of the summer!**

For a seventh year, the OSM Classical Spree will contribute to the wild excitement that takes hold of Montreal in the summer! In the space of a few short days, more than 30 affordable and varied concerts will reverberate in the heart of this metropolis, along with scores of free activities the whole family can enjoy. The only one of its kind in North America, this musical celebration opens the door to a wealth and diversity of classical music.

The complete program for the OSM Classical Spree Festival will be announced at the end of May. Stay tuned!

**TICKETS ON SALE THIS SATURDAY**

At 514 842-9951 or [osm.ca](http://osm.ca)

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