



THE OSM CLASSICAL FLIGHT:

A Benefit Concert at YUL Montreal-Trudeau International Airport

This unique event (the first of its kind in Canada!) will be held under the stars, in the comfort of one's own vehicle

Montreal, July 8, 2020 – The Orchestre symphonique de Montréal is thrilled to reconnect with its audience by holding a **large-scale** outdoor **benefit concert on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 9 p.m.** The **YUL Montreal-Trudeau International Airport's P5 parking facility** will be transformed for the evening into a one-of-a-kind concert venue!

In full compliance with social distancing measures, the concert, conducted by **Jacques Lacombe**, is to be enjoyed **from the comfort of one's own vehicle**: an unprecedented type of seating for an unusual situation! To provide access to as many people as possible, the OSM has teamed up with the Montréal-Trudeau Airport, which is offering its facilities free of charge for the occasion.

Places for this undoubtedly memorable concert are limited to **550 cars**.
To ensure the audience enjoys an evening in grand style, this historic concert will feature:

- ➔ a stage that is visible from any spot
- ➔ several large screens, strategically installed in the space for a more intimate concert experience
- ➔ exceptional sound quality via radio transmission, from the comfort of your vehicle
- ➔ sanitary facilities that adheres to Public Health guidelines

Let the music play on!

The OSM is pleased to welcome back **Jacques Lacombe**, who has had close ties with the Orchestra for many years. He began as the OSM's Assistant Conductor, and it was he who

brilliantly assumed the role of Interim Conductor until Kent Nagano's arrival in 2006. Maestro Lacombe will conduct **Beethoven's** famous 5th Symphony to mark the 250th anniversary of the composer's birth. The programme also features *Le tombeau de Couperin* by **Ravel**, a prominent composer in the Orchestra's discography and concert repertoire. Excerpts from **Mozart's** *The Magic Flute* and *Don Giovanni* complete the programme for this evening under the stars!

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Jacques Lacombe, conductor

Hélène Guilmette, soprano

Jean-François Lapointe, baritone

Mozart: *Die Zauberflöte* [The Magic Flute], K. 620, Overture

Mozart: *Die Zauberflöte* [The Magic Flute], K. 620, Aria "Ach ich fühl's," [Ah, I feel it], Act 2 no. 17 (role: Pamina)

Mozart: *Die Zauberflöte* [The Magic Flute], K. 620, Duo "Pa-pa-pa" (roles: Papageno and Papagena)

Ravel: *Le tombeau de Couperin*

Mozart: *Don Giovanni*, K. 527, Aria "Deh, vieni alla finestra" [Ah, come to the window], Act 2 no. 16 (role: Don Giovanni)

Mozart: *Don Giovanni*, K. 527, Duo "La ci darem la mano" [There we will entwine our hands], Act 1 no. 7 (roles: Don Giovanni and Zerlina)

Beethoven: Symphony no. 5 in C minor, op. 67

Concert presented without intermission

Why a benefit concert?

Like many of its cultural allies, the OSM has suffered a major crisis since the pandemic, which entailed an abrupt end to the season in mid-March, obliging the Orchestra to cancel close to 75 concerts.

To maintain an open dialogue and connect with a wider audience during these challenging times, the Orchestra has multiplied initiatives to offer performances free of charge: online rebroadcasts of concerts, performances by OSM musicians on social media and Facebook live, as well as several artistic events in Montreal's neighbourhoods, long-term care institutions (CHSLDs), and more.



Your participation in *The OSM Classical Flight* is an effective way of supporting the Orchestra's mission of education and accessibility. It also gives the Orchestra an opportunity to reinvent itself through original and meaningful initiatives, and to maintain its essential connection with the community.

The *OSM Classical Flight* concert is produced by Groupe Nomade and made possible through cooperative association between all stakeholders in a revenue-sharing arrangement. During this difficult period when the entire entertainment industry is struggling, it is a brilliant illustration of creativity and resilience on the part of various actors working together!

Packages GO ON SALE TODAY AT NOON!

Three packages ranging from \$100 to \$500 (per car) are available for *The OSM Classical Flight*
Details on OSM.CA

THE OSM WISHES TO THANK ITS PARTNERS

The Orchestre symphonique de Montréal takes pride in the continued support of its loyal partners and first would like to thank Hydro-Québec, the OSM's Presenting Sponsor.

The OSM Classical Flight is presented by BMO Bank of Montreal in collaboration with Volvo, the event's Official Car, and YUL Montreal-Trudeau Airport, host of the event's venue.

The contribution of the Orchestra's public partners is indispensable to its operations. The OSM gratefully acknowledges its principal partner, the Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec, as well as the Canada Council for the Arts, the Government of Quebec and the Conseil des arts de Montréal.

"The collaboration between the OSM and BMO dates back almost 40 years: a remarkable example of stability and confidence. However, today, the pandemic is shaking our bearings and our habits. The OSM, once again, shows imagination and innovation by creating a new experience, in the comfort of our vehicle. BMO is convinced that the OSM will know how to delight us with its music, which remains grand thanks to its talented passionate musicians. We are very proud to be associated with the OSM who continues to share their musical notes, despite all the constraints. BMO is pleased to respond present to this initiative; a rendezvous in the parking lot of Montreal-Trudeau International Airport for a musical flight and please, don't honk before the end!" - Claude Gagnon, President, BMO Financial Group, Québec

"We are extremely proud to be associated with this unique event by making our facilities available to the MSO. Our large parking lots, which this summer are being sparsely used, are the perfect hosts for holding this type of cultural event for the benefit of the community, while ensuring physical distancing. For one evening, participants will have the opportunity to travel again thanks to the magic of music and our airport will once again become a vibrant place, filled with emotion," said ADM Aéroports de Montréal President and CEO Philippe Rainville.

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