

LAUNCH OF MAESTRO NAGANO'S LAST SEASON

SEPTEMBER: TWO SPECTACULAR SYMPHONIES, EXCEPTIONAL WOMEN PERFORMERS, A DOUBLEHEADER FROM MAESTRO CRISTIAN MĂCELARU AND A NEW ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR!

TWO SPECTACULAR SYMPHONIES IN THE FIRST WEEK

OPENING CONCERT: KENT NAGANO CONDUCTS SHOSTAKOVICH'S "BABI YAR" SYMPHONY

Kent Nagano's final season kicks off with Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13, known as "Babi Yar." Babi Yar is a ravine near Kiev where the massacre of 34,000 Jews occurred at the hands of the Nazis in 1941. Maestro Nagano will direct this powerful, heartbreaking tribute to the victims of oppression, joined by the OSM Chorus under Andrew Megill and renowned Russian bass Alexander Vinogradov. To open, the fiery Denis Matsuev, Pianist-in-Residence of the OSM, will perform Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini. SEPTEMBER 17 AT 7 P.M. AND SEPTEMBER 18 AT 8 P.M. AT THE MAISON SYMPHONIQUE.



KENT NAGANO AND MAHLER'S FIFTH SYMPHONY

This month, **Kent Nagano** will also conduct Mahler's Symphony No. 5, which opens on a poignant funeral march whose rhythmic contours are a nod to Beethoven's Fifth. At the heart of this work is the well-known Adagietto movement, made world-famous by Visconti in his film *Death in Venice*. Ravel's *Introduction and Allegro* completes the programme showcasing several OSM chamber soloists including Concertmaster **Andrew Wan**, **Todd Cope** (clarinet) and **Jennifer Swartz** (harp). **SEPTEMBER 19 AT 8 P.M. AND SEPTEMBER 21 AT 2:30 P.M. AT THE MAISON SYMPHONIQUE**.



RETURN OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS GERMAN VIOLINIST

ANNE-SOPHIE MUTTER PLAYS BEETHOVEN

After her recital last March at the Maison symphonique, the amazing **Anne-Sophie Mutter** returns with the Orchestra under Romanian conductor **Cristian Măcelaru** to play Beethoven's unforgettable Violin Concerto. The OSM will also perform Brahms' Quartet, op. 25 in a version orchestrated by Schoenberg, a rarely heard meeting of minds. Also on the programme: Karim Al-Zand's exciting *City Scenes*.

SEPTEMBER 24 AND 25 AT 8 P.M. AT THE MAISON SYMPHONIQUE.



THE CAPTIVATING DIANE DUFRESNE'S FIRST PERFORMANCE WITH THE OSM!

DIANE DUFRESNE: A SYMPHONIC 75TH

The OSM is pleased be part of the great **Diane Dufresne**'s 75th birthday celebrations, paying tribute with a special performance to this great singer-songwriter's extensive career. For the first time ever, Orchestra and flamboyant artist come together to deliver an unprecedented blend of classical and distinctive pop sounds. Associate Conductor of the OSM POP series **Simon Leclerc** will direct his own symphonic adaptations in this concert. **SEPTEMBER 11 AND 12 AT 8 P.M. AT THE MAISON SYMPHONIQUE**.

THOMAS LE DUC-MOREAU: NEW ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR OF THE OSM



For several years, the OSM has offered young conductors the opportunity to hone their professional skills as orchestral directors. This season, the OSM is delighted to welcome **Thomas Le Duc-Moreau** in that capacity. His important responsibilities will include initiating young people to music with the help of OSM musicians and guest artists, and to assist Maestro Nagano. He served previously as the Assistant Conductor-in-Residence of the Orchestre symphonique de Québec under Fabien Gabel and as Assistant to Jacques Lacombe at the Orchestre symphonique de Trois-Rivières. A cellist by training, he earned his Master's in orchestral conducting in 2018 from the Conservatoire de musique de Montréal. **Thomas Le Duc-Moreau** will conduct the Children's Corner series this season, as well as various other matinée concerts for young audiences.

RELEASE OF A NEW ALBUM

JOHN ADAMS

I Common Tones in Simple Time
II Harmonielehre
III Short Ride in a Fast Machine

Recorded live on 1, 2 and 4 November 2017 at Maison symphonique de Montréal On sale September 13th 2019



ALSO NOT TO BE MISSED IN SEPTEMBER...

ON SEPTEMBER 20, BOURGIE HALL will welcome to its stage five musicians from the OSM—violinists Olivier Thouin and Alexander Read, violist Victor Fournelle-Blain, cellist Anna Burden and double bassist Ali Kian Yazdanfar—to perform a chamber music concert titled NEVER TOO CLASSICAL! ON SEPTEMBER 25, the matinée concert CRISTIAN MĂCELARU CONDUCTS SCHUMANN AND BRAHMS at the MAISON SYMPHONIQUE will feature Brahms' Quartet, op. 25 (orch. Schoenberg) and Schumann's powerfully lyrical Cello Concerto, the first great Romantic concerto for the instrument performed by OSM Principal Cello Brian Manker.

For programme details or to purchase tickets online: OSM.CA / 514 842-9951 or 1 888 842-9951

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If you wish to **arrange an interview** or **attend a concert** in September, contact the OSM's public relations team without delay!

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