



IT'S SUMMER AT THE OSM!

THE ORCHESTRA HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE GREAT TRADITION OF SUMMER FESTIVITIES IN MONTREAL. THIS SUMMER IS NO EXCEPTION!

Montreal, June 29, 2020— The Orchestre symphonique de Montréal is thrilled to unveil its summer season with the launch of two exciting projects. Fun and conviviality are the order of the day with *OSM Summer in the City*, where small ensembles of musicians come together to present close to **sixty outdoor surprise performances**. And there's more: starting tomorrow, **André Robitaille** will host *Never Too Classical*, a weekly cultural program of classical music in all its various forms. Enjoy summer music immersion with the OSM!





Whether in the **parks**, at the foot of **emblematic monuments** or in the Greater Montreal's **long term care institutions**, musicians of the OSM will meet every week to form small ensembles, offering the public impromptu musical performances with the aim of bringing Montreal back to life while serving the better good. We are pleased to collaborate with the City of Montreal and its boroughs, as well as with the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal (the city's municipal housing office) and Montreal's 5 CIUSSS (university health and social services centres).



An OSM string quartet delighted residents of the J-Henri Charbonneau Accommodation Center in the Mercier Hochelaga Maisonneuve borough, while a brass quartet kicked off the initiative in the Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie.

The OSM also joins forces with several of Montreal's cultural institutions with the participation of a host of Quebec artists, to offer citizens a melding of classical music with several other performance arts, such as dance, circus, and literature, among others. These unique performances feature an awaited association between dancer-choreographer **Louise Lecavalier** and the OSM's Associate Principal Cello **Anna Burden**. Music and literature intertwine with **Sophie Cadieux** and **Mani Soleymanlou**, thanks to the collaboration of the **Festival international de la littérature (FIL)**. And for the first time ever, the Orchestra joins **MONTRÉAL PRESQUE COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE, A TOHU** festival, where circus artists and two ensembles of OSM musicians make short pop-up appearances for passers-by. Culture lives again in our neighbourhoods!

All these events respect social distancing standards in place. Health and safety remain our priority!

 A featured borough will be revealed each week on our social networks!
However, the specific locations will remain surprises—to avoid gatherings! 



AN OSM FIRST!

Every Tuesday throughout the summer, the OSM and **André Robitaille** invite all music lovers to take a different look at classical music. Recorded in the casual setting of the Espace OSM (with proper physical distancing!), you will discover, in **10 programs**, all the facets of classical music

through a variety of stories, performances by OSM musicians and exchanges with Quebec artists such as **Sophie Cadieux, Kim Thúy, Monia Chokri** and others.



Programs are broadcast on the OSM's Facebook page every Tuesday at 4 p.m.—ending September 1st
Catch the first of these programs tomorrow, June 30!

"The OSM has always been a part of exciting and event-filled summers in Montreal. It is such a great pleasure to collaborate once again with the team to host Never too Classical, which is sure to deliver rich encounters and unforgettable musical moments! Mark your calendars!"— André Robitaille, Host of Never Too Classical



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THE OSM WISHES TO THANK ITS PARTNERS:

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The OSM also wishes to thank public sector partners who support its summer activities: the Secrétariat à la région métropolitaine, the Ministère du Tourisme du Québec, Canadian Heritage, and the Conseil des arts de Montréal.

" In this time of pandemic that has strained our society, resilience and ingenuity still prevail against threats to our existence and our love of culture. More than ever, it is with great pleasure that BMO is taking part in the launch of the summer season, a season that, despite certain confinement limits, will undoubtedly move us, touch us and thrill us thanks to the show Jamais trop classique and Les Quartiers d'été de l'OSM. The OSM doesn't simply make its home in Montréal, it is fully involved in Montréal city life. Through its many initiatives, the orchestra continues to spread its love of symphonic music. "

- M. Claude Gagnon, President, Operations, BMO Financial Group, Quebec

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MEDIA INVITATIONS



If you wish to experience a recording of one or more **Never Too Classical** programs or attend an impromptu outdoor performance by OSM musicians, contact the OSM's public relations team now!