

## Sapphire Concert, for a prestigious Valentine evening

February 14th 2011, at 7p.m., Théâtre Maisonneuve, Place des Arts  
(Please note that the time of the concert has been changed to 7 p.m.)

For his first recital in Montreal since 1976,

### Emanuel Ax, piano

One of the most beloved pianists performing today, Emanuel Ax is also one of the most prestigious. Winner of seven "Grammy Awards", his startlingly original blend of musicianship and poetic imagination has earned him world-wide reputation for the originality and technical brilliance of his performances of the classic repertoire.



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*This all Schubert recital is a definite must for all music lovers!*

An all Schubert recital program  
Impromptus, Op. 142, D. 935 (1827)  
Sonata No. 13 in A, Op. posth. 120, D. 664 (1819)  
Sonata No. 21 in B-flat major, D. 960 (1828)

(Tickets for the concert only, on sale at \$60)



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- A three-course dinner with a glass of wine at restaurants Le Bistro Contemporain, (formerly la Rotonde) and the Seingalt (Both exclusively open for Pro Musica's concertgoers, in the Place des Arts complex.)
- A tax deductible receipt of \$100
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## Emerald concert of the month

### Pražák Quartet



*Pavel Hula, violin,  
Vlastimil Holec, violin  
Josef Kluson, viola  
Michal Kaňka, cello*

Monday February 28th 2011, at 7 p.m., Théâtre Maisonneuve, Place des Arts

*For the The Pražák Quartet, one of today's leading international chamber music ensembles, performing is all about the creation of happiness.*

It was established in 1972 while its members were students at the Prague Conservatory. Since then, the quartet has gained attention for its place in the unique Czech quartet tradition with its great tonal warmth, its huge dynamic range, its superb intonation and its musical virtuosity.

*Dear to Pro Musica's habitués, this formation is one of the most famous Czech formations.*

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Program:  
String Quartet in F major, Op. 18, No. 1 Ludwig van Beethoven  
String Quartet No. 6 Bohuslav Martinů  
String Quartet No. 1 in E minor ("From My Life") Bedrich Smetana

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Sunday, February 27th, 3:30 pm *Alcan Quartet, Strings*  
Sunday, March 13th, 3:30 pm *Valerie Milot, Harp*  
Sunday, May 1st, 3:30 pm *Serhiy Salov, Piano*

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## Topaz concert of the month

Sunday, February 27th 2011, at 3:30 p.m., Cinquième salle, Place des Arts

*"The players communicated the passion of the piece... dazzling display of virtuosity, rhythms well controlled and the drive sustained throughout."*  
*San Francisco Classical Voice.*

The Chicoutimi based Alcan Quartet enjoys nowadays an excellent reputation without ambiguity in Canada and abroad. Its communicative enthusiasm, its unique tone and its remarkable cohesion contributed to build an enviable fame, on stage and on records. After twenty years of existence, the Quartet Alcan is at the height of its art today

Program:  
Haydn : String Quartet No. 64 in D major, Op. 76 No. 5 Hob.III.79 (1796-07)  
Ichmouratov : String Quartet, Op. 5, No. 3 (2010)  
Mendelssohn : String Quartet, Op. 80 No. 6 in F minor (1847)

### Alcan Quartet



*String Quartet*

## Do you know Schubert ?

- Q1. Which nationality was Schubert ?  
a) German b) Austrian c) Polish
- Q2. What is Franz Schubert date of birth?  
a) 1785 b) 1792 c) 1797
- Q3. How many symphonies did he wrote (incl. those finished by others)?  
a) 7 b) 8 c) 9 d) 6
- Q4. What number was Schubert's 'Unfinished' symphony?  
a) 7th b) 6th c) 8th d) 9th
- Q5. Which famous composer was his professor?  
a) Beethoven b) Mozart c) Salieri
- Q6. Schubert composed 'The Erlking' near the end of his life  
a) True b) False
- Q7. The 'Schubertiads' were evening gatherings for lovers of his music  
a) True b) False
- Q8. When Schubert played quartets with his father and older brothers, which instrument did he always play?  
a) 1st violin b) viola c) 2nd violin d) cello
- Q9. With which other big composer he is buried in the same cemetery?  
a) Beethoven b) Friedrich Haendel c) Amadeus Mozart

Answers: Q1 b - Q2 c - Q3 c - Q4 d - Q5 a - Q6 b - Q7 a - Q8 b - Q9 a

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