

The Emerald concerts of the month

Monday, October 4 2010, at 7:30 p.m., Théâtre Maisonneuve, Place des Arts
"Hamelin's wizardry defies the laws of nature, but it is a mark of his seriousness that he used it only to illuminate the composers' musical intentions."
(John Allison, Financial Times)

To start off the 2010-2011 new Emerald series, Pro Musica chose to put the spotlight on a Montreal born artist, an outstanding pianist, among the finest, and described as being "one of best and most fascinating artist of our time" (*San Francisco Chronicle*). Long known for his matchless exploration of unfamiliar pianistic terrain, Mr. Hamelin is now recognized worldwide for the originality and technical brilliance of his performances of the classic repertoire.
 Program:
 Haydn, Variations in F minor, Hob. HVII: 6
 Mozart, Sonata in A minor, K. 310
 Liszt, Venezia e Napoli (Suppl. to "Années de Pèlerinage"», 2nd year)
 Liszt, Sonata in B minor

Marc-André
Hamelin



Jerusalem
String Quartet



Monday, October 25 2010, at 7:30 p.m., Théâtre Maisonneuve, Place des Arts
"The Jerusalem Quartet's latest recording of Haydn Quartets is an absolute triumph. Their playing has everything you could possibly wish for." Erik Levi (*BBC Music Magazine*)

The Jerusalem Quartet, hailed by *The Strad* as "one of the young, yet great quartets of our time," has garnered international acclaim for its rare combination of passion and precision. Though barely into their thirties, these musicians have already won audiences the world over, both in concert and on their recordings for the Harmonia Mundi label.

Au programme:
 Haydn, Quartet in F minor, Op. 20, No. 5 Hob. III: 35
 Debussy, String Quartet in G minor, Op. 10
 Brahms, String Quartet in C minor, Op. 51, No. 1

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Maneli Pirzadeh



The Mélodine Concert in October

Thursday October 28 2010, at noon, Studio Théâtre, Place des Arts
A superb piano recital by an accomplished artist from Montreal.

Music lovers will be feasting their ears with a new season of pure classical tradition! You will love our Thursday lunchbox serenades at noon!

On the menu : musical treats by Haydn and Liszt.

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Do you Know Franz-Joseph Haydn

"The language I speak is understandable worldwide" - Joseph Haydn

Through the Emerald and Topaz series at Pro Musica this year, the great Haydn is celebrated more than once, as you will hear with pianist Marc-André Hamelin and the Jerusalem Quartet. Do you know the rough outlines of the famous Austrian composer?

- Q1. Which year was Haydn born?
 a) 1730 b) 1732 c) 1742
- Q2. One of Joseph Haydn's brothers was a composer. What was his first name?
 a) Michel b) Claude c) Jules
- Q3. To whom was Joseph Haydn addressing these words, when he once said:
 " I am telling you, in front of God, as an honest (earnest), you son is the greatest composer I have ever known. . . "?
 a) Bach b) Pergolèse c) Mozart
- Q4. How many listed symphonies did Haydn wrote?
 a) 99 b) 104 c) 109
- Q5. How many string quartets did Haydn wrote?
 a) 50 b) 61 c) 68
- Q6. How long did Haydn remain musical director under Prince Esterhazy?
 a) 15 years b) 20 years c) 30 years
- Q7. How old was Haydn when he composed his major works: 'The Creation' and 'The Seasons'?
 a) 40 years old b) 55 years old c) 70 years old

Did you know?

One of Haydn's compositions, 'the Emperor Quartet' is at the root of the German national anthem. Even though Joseph Haydn never had children, he was nicknamed 'Papa Haydn' in reference not only to his status as 'the Father of the symphony' and 'the Father of the string quartet', but mainly because of his benevolent attitude towards his close ones and fellow musicians.

Answers : Q1-b, Q2-a, Q3-c, Q4-b, Q5-c, Q6-c, Q7-c

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