Pro Musica 2010 - 2011

NEWSLETTER

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The deserved recognition of a life dedicated to music

Pro Musica is honoured to announce that our musical director, Mr. Pierre Rolland, has just been nominated member of the Order of Canada for his outstanding contribution to the musical life of Canada. For more than fifty years, Pierre Rolland has dedicated his life to the development of culture and music in Montreal. In all the musical circles in which he was called to collaborate, either as an oboist, professor, director, radio announcer, a record reviewer or jury member, he was praised for his devoted dedication and professional skills. Moreover, his concern regarding the musical training of our young artists and of the audience brought him to voluntarily take an active part in the management of music presenters, such as the Pro Musica Society.

Coming soon at Pro Musica

The first concert of the Emerald Series
Monday October 4th 2010, at 7:30 p.m., Théâtre Maisonneuve

Marc-André Hamelin, piano

Program:
Haydn, Variations in F minor, Hob. XVII: 6
Mozart, Sonata in A minor, K. 310
Liszt, Venezia e Napoli (Supplement to "Années de Pèlerinages", 2nd year)
Liszt, Sonata in B minor

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A string of captivating concerts within every music lover's reach!

· EMERALD SERIES ·
Monday nights at 7:30 p.m.
Théâtre Maisonneuve

Marc-André Hamelin, *piano*
Jerusalem Quartet, *strings*
Gautier Capuçon, *cello*
& Gabriela Montero, *piano*
Kuss Quartet, *strings*
Maneli Pirzadeh, *piano*
Pražák Quartet, *stringss*
Valentina Lisitsa, *piano*
Yevgeny Sudbin, *piano*

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· TOPAZ SERIES ·
Sundays at 3:30 p.m.
Cinquième Salle

Alcan Quartet, *strings*
Valérie Milot, *harp*
Serhiy Salov, *piano*

· SAPPHIRE SERIES ·
Monday, February 14th, 2011
Théâtre Maisonneuve

Pro Musica is pleased to present the 2010-2011 new season of its three prestigious series : the Emerald, the Topaz and the Sapphire series : twelve splendid concerts, all taking place inside of the Place des Arts complex : easily accessible underground parking and access by metro or bus – and its elegantly re-designed hall .

Piano will have the place of honour in our Emerald Series with four top-ranking piano recitals. Marc-André Hamelin, whose success in our 60th Jubilee events still remains vivid in our memory, will start the ball rolling. Breathtaking also are the other three recitalists: from Ukraine, Valentina Lisitsa ; from Russia, Yevgeny Sudbin (third presentation) and Maneli Pirzadeh, Canadian virtuoso of Iranian extraction.

Impressive string quartets add a beautiful touch to the series : from the Czech Republic and critically acclaimed for more than 30 years, the Pražák Quartet and two young newcomers already renowned : the Jerusalem Quartet from Israel and the Kuss Quartet from Germany. And to complete the picture: a cello and piano duo featuring two imposing partners: Gautier Capuçon from France and Gabriela Montero from Venezuela and the United-States.

As for our Sunday afternoon concerts, the Topaz Series, you will find in the limelight young but impeccable artists: a highly accomplished foursome, the Alcan String Quartet, a very refined harpist, Valérie Milot, and the First Prize in the Montreal International Piano Competition (JMC) in 2004, Ukrainian pianist Serhiy Salov.

And ending on another high note, a magnificent Sapphire Concert performed by one of the most prestigious American pianists. His name will be revealed at the end of October. In total, internationally acclaimed performers and high quality programs, substantial and varied. Moreover, the price for our series has remained the same for three years. There's no question: you don't want to miss out on such an opportunity!

Looking forward to meeting you at our 2010-2011 season concerts and to listening to "the most genuine and the most nuanced music...the one that goes straight from the stage to your heart!"

M. André Boulanger
President of the Board

M. Pierre Roland
Musical Director

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Do you really know Liszt ?

This famous composer will be in the heart of 3 piano recitals out of 4 in the emerald series

Q1. What is Franz Liszt's date of birth ?
a) 1809 b) 1810 c) 1811

Q2. Which nationality was Liszt ?
a) French b) German c) Hungarian

Q3. Did Liszt join the Order of Franciscans ?
a) Yes b) No

Q4. Did Wagner marry Cosima, Liszt's daughter ?
a) Yes b) No

Q5. Liszt was an exceptional pianist. Was he also a great composer ?
a) Yes b) No

Q6. Which set of works by Beethoven did Liszt transcribe for piano ?
a) The 9 symphonies b) The String Quartets c) The concertos

Q7. Liszt wrote a very difficult cycle for piano. How is this cycle called ?
a) Les années de pèlerinage b) Fantasia c) The preludes

Answers : Q1c ; Q2c ; Q3a ; Q4a ; Q5a ; Q6a ; Q7a

We would love to hear from you! Please send us your comments, to :
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