

**Press release
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**MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL COMPETITION
2013 VIOLIN EDITION - MAY 7-17**

AND THE SEMI-FINALISTS ARE...

Montreal, Thursday, May 9, 2013 – The Montreal International Musical Competition (MIMC) announces the twelve semi-finalists and the detailed schedule of the semi-finals (Bourgie Concert Hall, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts):

FRIDAY, MAY 10

1st session

7:30 p.m.: Nigel Armstrong – United States

8:20 p.m.: Fédor Roudine – France

Break

9:30 p.m.: Suliman Tekalli – United States

10:20 p.m.: Nikki Chooi – Canada

SATURDAY, MAY 11

2nd session

1:00 p.m.: Jaroslaw Nadrzycki – Poland

1:50 p.m.: Luke Hsu – United States

Break

3:00 p.m.: Ji Young Lim – South Korea

3:50 p.m.: Chi Li – Taiwan

3rd session

7:30 p.m.: Zeyu Victor Li – China

8:20 p.m.: Stephen Waarts – United States

Break

9:30 p.m.: Marc Bouchkov – Belgium

10:20 p.m.: Diana Tishchenko – Ukraine

Deliberation & announcement

of the finalists

The complete musical programme of each round is available at
<http://concoursmontreal.ca/permanent/en/concours/candidats.asp>

The announcement of the six finalists will be made following the last semi-final session on Saturday, May 11. The announcement of the laureates will be made following the last final session on Wednesday, May 15.

WHERE AND WHEN TO HEAR THE CANDIDATES

SEMI-FINALS

MAY 10, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 11, 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Bourgie Concert Hall

Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

Per session: \$20 | Student \$10

FINALS

MAY 14 & 15, 7:30 p.m.

Maison symphonique de Montréal

Orchestre symphonique de Montréal

Guest Conductor: Maxim Vengerov

\$50, \$35, \$20 | Student \$25, \$17.50, \$10

GALA CONCERT

MAY 17, 7:30 p.m.

Maison symphonique de Montréal

Orchestre symphonique de Montréal

Guest Conductor: Maxim Vengerov

\$65, \$45, \$30 | Student \$32.50, \$22.50, \$15

INFORMATION AND BOX OFFICE

Tickets for the semi-final round are available at the Bourgie Concert Hall box office:

<https://ebillet.mbam.qc.ca> | 514 285-2000, option 4

Tickets for the final round, the Gala concert of the laureates and the *Concert prestige* are available at the Place des Arts box office: www.laplacedesarts.com | 514 842-2112 | 1 866 842-2112.

Packages are available. Prices are exclusive of all taxes and services.

CONCERT PRESTIGE

MONDAY, MAY 13, 7:30 p.m.

Benefitting the Montreal International Musical Competition Foundation: Beethoven's 7th Symphony and Triple Concerto with violinist Maxim Vengerov, cellist Stéphane Tétreault, pianist Serhiy Salov, the Orchestre de chambre I Musici de Montréal and Jean-Marie Zeitouni, Conductor and Artistic Director.

Maison symphonique de Montréal

Place des Arts box office: 514 842-2112 | \$65, \$45, \$30 | Student \$32,50, \$22,50, \$15

V.I.P. Tickets with cocktail: \$150: 514 845-4108, extension 246

FREE ACTIVITIES

Several activities are also being held, free of charge and open to one and all. These activities will take place until May 12 at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA).

VIOLIN MAKERS IN ACTION – MMFA Glass Court

MAY 10 & 11, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

See a violin maker at work, discover the tools of the trade, learn to better understand the craftsmanship behind the instrument. The public is encouraged to ask these fascinating artisans questions about their work.

FREE ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

EXHIBITION OF CONTEMPORARY VIOLIN AND BOW MAKERS – MMFA Lounge

SUNDAY, MAY 12 | 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Twenty professional violin and bow makers from across Canada will exhibit their instruments and bows. A unique opportunity to discover and hear the different sounds of the violin, viola, cello and double bass.

MASTERCLASS WITH RÉGIS PASQUIER – Bourgie Concert Hall at MMFA

SUNDAY, MAY 12 | 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Régis Pasquier, one of our international jury members, will offer a master class, which is open to the public and he will share his expertise with selected young violinists.

Find more details at www.concoursmontreal.ca

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The MIMC plays a key role in the finest tradition of classical concert music. The Competition seeks to discover and support young singers, violinists, and pianists who have distinguished themselves as masters of their art. Since the very first edition, dedicated to voice in 2002, nearly 2,000 candidates have applied to take part in the various editions, and, of these, more than 300 were given the opportunity to perform in Montreal, to the great delight of music lovers. The MIMC is a member of the World Federation of International Music Competitions, and of the Alink-Argerich Foundation.

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