

THREE CANADIANS ADVANCE TO THE FINAL ROUND OF THE ARIA DIVISION

Montréal, June 7, 2022 – The Semifinal of Voice 2022, the 20th edition of the Concours musical international de Montréal, concluded today at the Maison symphonique de Montréal. Over the last two days, the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal (OSM), the official orchestra of the CMIM, accompanied the Semifinalists of the Aria division, resulting in a breathtaking performance.

The ten Semifinalists performed with heart and passion the greatest works for voice and orchestra, fueled by the energy of the orchestra under the direction of Maestro Jacques Lacombe. Following the last performance, the CMIM's prestigious jury once again took on the task of determining the five Finalists who will move onto the Aria Final. The draw then determined the order in which they will perform.

Finalists - ARIA

In order of appearance

The Aria division Final is presented by Sandra and Alain Bouchard Foundation

On Thursday June 9, 7:30 p.m. at the Maison Symphonique de Montréal:

1. Valerie Eickhoff, mezzo-soprano (Germany)
2. Nils Wanderer, countertenor (Germany)
3. Simone McIntosh, mezzo-soprano (Canada)
4. Sarah Dufresne, soprano (Canada)
5. Hugo Laporte, baryton (Canada)

ON THE AGENDA: AWARD CEREMONY

The Aria Final will be held at the Maison symphonique de Montréal and will be followed by the announcement of the winners of the Art Song and Aria division, as well as the traditional awards

ceremony. We invite you to stay tuned by visiting our social media and concoursmontreal.ca in order to discover the candidates who will be honoured at the end of this 20th edition of the Competition!

ABOUT CMIM

The Concours musical international de Montréal (CMIM) aims to discover and help the world's most promising young singers, violinists and pianists. The CMIM is the only international competition in North America to be held annually and to feature three disciplines (piano, voice, and violin) in a three-year rotation. Since its first edition dedicated to Voice in 2002, 3,700 hopefuls have applied, and some 500 competitors have been welcomed to perform before enthusiastic audiences in Montreal.

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