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UNVEILING OF THE FULL SCHEDULE FOR THE
2015 CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL ORGAN COMPETITION FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 4 TO 25, 2015

Montreal, August 12, 2015 – The 2015 Canadian International Organ Competition (CIOC) Festival, presented by the National Bank, will be held from October 4 to 25, featuring Canadian, Chinese, and French organists throughout a month filled with organ-related events.

Some ten different activities are planned to take place at various locations in Montreal, including a recital and a free master class by **legendary French organist Jean Guillou**, the CIOC's **Annual Gala Concert** (honouring Noël Spinelli and showcasing **the three winners of the CIOC**), and a series of concerts celebrating the **175th anniversary of the Grand Séminaire**, one of Montreal's historical jewels.

FESTIVAL DES COULEURS DE L'ORGUE FRANÇAIS: EVERY SUNDAY THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The CIOC is continuing its partnership with the *Festival des couleurs de l'orgue français*, led by organist Yves-G. Préfontaine. The Festival features a free concert **every Sunday at 3 pm throughout the month of October** on the Guilbault-Thérien organ in the Chapel of the Grand Séminaire de Montréal, which is celebrating its 175th anniversary. Several organists from Quebec will be performing— **Yves-G. Préfontaine** (October 4 at 3 pm), **Sylvain Barrette** (October 11 at 3 pm), and **Philip Crozier** (October 18 at 3 pm)—, as well as French organist **Aude Heurtematte** (October 25 at 3 pm), titular organist at Saint-Gervais Church, which employed the Couperin dynasty in the 17th and 18th centuries.

All concerts at the Grand Séminaire are free of charge and include live projections on a giant screen.

CIOC ORGAN WEEKEND: OCTOBER 16 TO 18

The CIOC is presenting a great number of organ events over the weekend of October 16 to October 18, including a Gala Concert, recitals, the screening of a documentary, an organ crawl, and a masterclass.

Gala Concert in homage to Noël Spinelli**October 16, 7 pm, Notre-Dame Basilica**

A concert by the 3 Laureates of the CIOC (David Baskeyfield – United Kingdom, 2014; Christian Lane – United States, 2011; Frédéric Champion – France, 2008), paying tribute to generous businessman and CIOC co-founder Noël Spinelli.

\$20 - \$150

Jean Guillou in recital presented by Orchestre symphonique de Montréal**October 17, 8 pm, Maison symphonique de Montréal**

A legendary guest you don't want to miss!

\$35 - \$65

Organ Crawl: Downtown Montréal**October 17, starting at 10:30 am**

A group of English-speaking visitors begin the tour at Christ Church Cathedral, and continue their way to the Maison symphonique, Church of the Gesù, Saint-James United Church, and St. John the Evangelist, with an explanation and demonstration by the organists in each venue. Lunch may be reserved.

\$40 - \$60

Yuan Shen (China) in recital**October 17, 12:15 pm, Church of the Gesù**

Making her Canadian debut, Yuan Shen is the first Chinese organist to have earned a Doctor of Organ degree. On the program: Escaich, Bach, Mendelssohn, among others.

\$10 - \$15 (ticket included as part of the Organ Crawl)

Journey into the heart of the Baroque : Réjean Poirier (Québec) in recital**October 17, 4 pm, St. John the Evangelist**

One of the first Canadians to have won First Prize at the renowned Bruges Competition in the 1970s, Quebec organist Réjean Poirier highlights the various roots and influences of baroque music. On the program: Scheidemann, Byrd, de Cabezòn, Erbach, among others.

\$20 - \$25 (ticket included as part of the Organ Crawl)

Documentary | Franck : father of the organ symphony**October 18, 11 am, McGill Schulich School of Music**

Screening of a documentary of the life and works of organist and composer César Franck (1822-1890). Produced by *Fugue State Films*, awarded Gramophone Magazine's DVD of the month, April 2015.

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Masterclass with Jean Guillou**October 18, 6 pm, Maison symphonique de Montréal**

Four students will take a public class with the highly renowned organist. For the occasion, spectators will have the opportunity to take their seats on the stage of the Maison symphonique.

Presented by the OSM, in collaboration with McGill University

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Conference with Jean Guillou at St John the Evangelist: Fringe Festival Event

Fringe 2015 Festival event, the conference in collaboration with the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal, les Amis de l'orgue de Montréal and Royal College of Canadian Organists will take place on Thursday October 15, 2015 at 7 pm. Jean-Willy Kunz, OSM organist in residence, will host the conference.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL ORGAN COMPETITION

The Canadian International Organ Competition (CIOC) is an organization devoted to the promotion of organ music in Quebec and Canada through discovery activities for the general public, concerts, and an annual festival in Montréal in October during which a competition, directed by the eminent Canadian organist John Grew, is held every third year.
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