

# JMC's 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

2024-2025  
PROGRAM



Jeunesses  
Musicales  
Canada



Fondation  
JM Canada



*Luc Perreault*

**LUC PERREAULT**  
Chair  
Jeunesses Musicales Canada

Dear friends and music lovers,

We're delighted to invite you to celebrate Jeunesses Musicales Canada's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary! For three quarters of a century, our organization has been passionately committed to promoting music and inspiring future generations through art and culture. This year marks a significant milestone, a special opportunity to reflect on our rich and diverse history, while looking forward to the exciting musical future that awaits us.

Jeunesses Musicales Canada has always been a shining beacon, lighting the path of musical discovery for thousands of young musicians. Our commitment to musical diversity, education, and access to music for all remains unwavering.

In this anniversary year, we pay tribute to those who have shaped our history: to the artists who have shared their passion with audiences, to the teachers who have lit the way for young musicians, and, of course, to you, our community, who have been the beating heart of our mission.

Our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary festivities will be a celebration of the classical world in all its forms, with special events, memorable concerts, inspiring collaborations, and unforgettable moments. It is also an opportunity to mark the 40th anniversary of the JM Canada Foundation, which helps us to pursue our mission. Join us in celebrating!

We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to sharing this extraordinary year with you. Together, let's ignite the spark of the classical world and continue to write the musical story of Jeunesses Musicales Canada for generations to come.



**Jeunesses  
Musicales  
Canada**



*Danièle LeBlanc*

**DANIÈLE LEBLANC**  
General and Artistic Director  
Jeunesses Musicales Canada



Dear friends,

We're delighted to invite you to a special musical celebration, as the JM Canada Foundation proudly salutes 40 years of service and Jeunesses Musicales Canada marks its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. These celebrations are an opportunity to reflect on our ongoing commitment to music and to consider the many ways in which we can help shape an even brighter musical future.

For 75 years, Jeunesses Musicales Canada has been sharing the joys of the classical world with young people. In a society where young people need reference points, the classical world meets this need. It influences young people's development, helping to stimulate their creativity, concentration, and discipline, while encouraging them to express their individuality and work as a team. The JM Canada Foundation is proud to provide unwavering support to Jeunesses Musicales Canada. Our commitment to musical diversity, education, and universal access to music remains steadfast and continues to guide us day after day.

We would like to express our deep gratitude to all the donors, sponsors, and artistic partners who have generously contributed to the fulfillment of our respective missions over the years. Your generous support is key to our success, and we're grateful to be able to count on such a committed community.

In this year of jubilee, let's continue walking together towards the musical horizon of tomorrow, where each note is a tribute to our past and a call to constant exploration of the musical treasures to come.

Now, let the celebrations begin!



**FLORENCE JUNCA ADENOT**  
Chair  
Fondation JM Canada



**VÉRONIQUE DESJARDINS**  
Executive Director  
Fondation JM Canada



  
**VALÉRIE PLANTE**  
Mayor of Montreal

75 years ago, Jeunesses Musicales Canada was born, dedicated to the promotion and democratization of classical music for the benefit of young people across the country.

Today, with the same sense of commitment, JMC continues to express its passion by throwing open the doors to musical discovery! I congratulate you on giving young people the chance to master their art and showcase their extraordinary talent.

I'd like to thank the JMC team, and especially the vast network of volunteers, who devote themselves to supporting young people in developing their talent and making classical music more accessible. Through concert tours and workshops, your organization plays a leading role on the Canadian music scene.

You also contribute to Montréal's solid reputation as a rich and diverse cultural metropolis.

I wish you a very happy 75th anniversary and continued success in the years to come.

Montréal 



## YOUNG AND TALENTED SINCE 1949



**MATHIEU LACOMBE**  
Minister of Culture  
and Communications and  
Minister responsible  
for Youth

I'm delighted to wish Jeunesses Musicales Canada a very happy birthday on the occasion of this unique organization's 75 years of excellence at the heart of Quebec's cultural life.

Talent development and audience development are very closely linked. Jeunesses Musicales Canada has been working towards these two goals since its founding. Thanks to this organization, thousands of concerts have been presented in every corner of Quebec; young people have toured Canada and the rest of the world; and music lovers have experienced this essential personal contact with live performance.

I'm also very proud that the Quebec government has been a long-standing ally of Jeunesses Musicales Canada. The support it has provided, notably through the Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec, is in my view an investment in the future, in young people, and in culture.

Young people are not only major consumers of arts and culture, but also talented emerging artists themselves. The 2021–2024 Plan d'action jeunesse supports the pursuit of a variety of cultural activities that allow as many young people as possible to explore and perhaps discover an artistic vocation—one that may go on to contribute to the diversity and enrichment of Quebec's cultural sector.

As Quebec's Minister of Culture and Communications, I would like to express my gratitude to the men and women who have contributed to Jeunesses Musicales Canada's success over the years. From philanthropists to artists, music schools to guest maestros, families to educators and volunteers, each and every one of our partner organizations and individuals deserves a place in the annals of this extraordinary organization.

Bravo! Thank you! And once again, I would like to wish you all the best on your 75<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Votre  
gouvernement

Québec





A stylized signature of Pascale St-Onge in black ink.

**THE HONOURABLE  
PASCALE ST-ONGE**

Minister of Canadian  
Heritage

For three quarters of a century, Jeunesses Musicales Canada has played an essential role in promoting classical music and helping our culture flourish. They are a cultural beacon, propelling young musicians toward excellence and letting them share their passion.

I would like to salute everyone who has contributed to the success of this organization over the years: the visionary founders, talented artists, dedicated volunteers and generous partners. It is thanks to you that JMC will continue to be a pillar of excellence for many years to come.

As Minister of Canadian Heritage, I offer my best wishes on this 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. May the 2024–2025 season be full of inspiration and magical musical moments.

**Canada**

**Jeunesses  
Musicales  
Canada**

**Fondation  
JM Canada**

# HIGHLIGHTS

## 75 YEARS OF MUSIC

HERE  
to see  
the video

# 75<sup>th</sup>

**2024**

Creation of the  
Ivan Edwards  
CONDUCTORS  
SCHOLARSHIP  
**IVAN EDWARDS**

**2020**

Creation of a digital component  
for workshops and concerts  
aimed at young audiences  
(Digital Ballads)

**2018**

The Maison des JMC is renamed  
Maison André-Bourbeau des JMC  
in honour of this music-loving  
philanthropist who gave JMC  
such a tremendous boost

**2015**

Creation of the  
Joseph Rouleau and  
André Bourbeau Fund

**2013<sup>#</sup>**

The JMI World  
Congress is held  
for the sixth time  
in Canada, in Montreal

**1999**

Official opening of the  
Maison des JMC, in Montreal  
Creation of the AIDA Fund and  
the Laetitia-Cyr Scholarships

**2000**

**FONDS  
aida**  
Laetitia-Cyr  
SCHOLARSHIPS

**2001**

Theatrical concerts  
designed specifically  
for children aged 3 to 12

**2005**

**PRIX  
PETER-MENDEL  
AWARD**

Creation of  
the Semaine  
de la musique  
Creation of the  
Peter Mendell Award

**2002**

First year of the Concours international  
de Montréal des Jeunesses Musicales,  
now the Concours musical international  
de Montréal

**2008**

Creation of the instrument  
bank by the Jeunesses  
Musicales Canada  
Foundation  
Creation of the Young  
Audiences Workshops

**2010**

**PRIX  
Choquette-Symcox  
AWARD**

Creation of the  
Choquette-Symcox Award

**1995**

Creation of the Jeunesses  
Musicales Ontario  
provincial corporation  
The World Youth Choir  
visits Canada

**1993**

Presentation of the first  
touring opera, Carmen,  
produced in collaboration  
with the Atelier lyrique de  
l'Opéra de Montréal

**1989**

Joseph Rouleau  
elected chairman  
of the JMC  
movement

**1985**

The Fourth JMI World  
Congress held in Montreal,  
Ottawa, Toronto,  
and Quebec City

**1984<sup>##</sup>**

**Fondation  
JM Canada**  
Creation of the Jeunesses  
Musicales Canada Foundation

**1980**

JMC's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
gala concert at  
Salle Claude-Champagne  
in Montreal

**1976**

The JMI World  
Congress is  
held in Orford

**1972**

Inauguration of the Sons et brioches series  
at the Piano Nobile at Place des Arts  
in Montreal, a first concert series for  
young audiences

**1970<sup>#</sup>**

Creation of the JM World  
Orchestra at the JMC  
Orford Arts Centre

**1968**

JMC is represented in all  
10 Canadian provinces  
with some 100 Chapters

**1967**

The JMI World  
Congress is held a  
second time in  
Montreal, during Expo 67

**1966**

Groundbreaking at the  
Man and Music Pavilion,  
Cité du Havre,  
Montreal (Expo 67)

**1949-1964<sup>#</sup>**

The first seven JMC national  
presidents: Gaston Arel,  
Gilles Lefebvre, Mrs. Arthur Rousseau,  
Sylvio Lacharité, Victor Bouchard,  
Raoul Jobin, Sir Ernest MacMillan

**1961**

Creation of the Concours national des JMC,  
open to pianists under the age of 30.  
String players and singers added  
in the following years

Photo: vocal edition, 1963. Seated from left to right:  
Josephine Clément (soprano), 2<sup>nd</sup> prize;  
Gloria Richard (2<sup>nd</sup> prize), and Sylvia Savetier (soprano).  
Standing left to right: judges Raoul Jobin,  
Pierrette Akay, Geoffrey Woodington, Mr. Gailneau,  
Maureen Forester, and Léopold Simoneau

**1960**

Club musical  
canadien  
du disque founded

**1956**

JMI World Congress  
held in Montreal for  
the first time

**1955**

Gilles Lefebvre is  
elected JMI chairman  
for the first time

**1954<sup>#</sup>**

The Jeunesses Musicales music  
camp is founded, now named  
Orford Musique

**1951**

**1950**

JMC joins the wider  
Jeunesses Musicales  
International (JMI)  
network

**1949**

Jeunesses Musicales Canada  
is founded

The chairs of the JM Canada Foundation:

**1984** Jean-Claude Delorme  
**1986** Robert M. Lecavalier  
**1989** Jean-Louis - interim chair  
**1989** Joseph Rouleau - interim chair  
**1991** André Leveau  
**1997** André Bourbeau  
**2015** Richard Lupien  
**2021** Florence Junca Adnot

**1949-1964** JMC presidents: Léopold Simoneau (1949-1967),  
Wilfrid Pelletier (1967-1970), Clément Pélissier (1969-1972),  
Maureen Forester (1972-1974), Gilles Potvin (1974-1980),  
John Peter Lee Roberts (1980-1983), Mario Ducharme (1983-1985),  
Mavor Moore (1985-1987), Boris Brott (1987-1989),  
Joseph Rouleau (1989-2014), Jean-Guy Gingras (2014-2022),  
Luc Pénard (2022-present).

**1954** Gilles Lefebvre is succeeded as president of JMI  
by Jean-Claude Pélissier (1954-1967), then Pierre A. Goulet (1970-2006).

**1970** Since its creation, the OMJM has come to Canada a dozen times.

**2013** We are very proud to have had two Canadian honorary  
presidents of JMI: Gilles Lefebvre (1974)  
and Pierre A. Goulet (2006).

**##**



# PROGRAM

## OFFICIAL LAUNCH

MAI 1, 2024 | 5:30 P.M.  
Salle Pierre-Mercure  
Montréal  
– FREE ADMISSION –

Presented by  
**National Bank Financial, Wealth Management  
and Groupe Maurice**

In collaboration with  
**the UQAM Music Department**

### OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF JMC'S 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

An evening celebrating the proud history of Jeunesses Musicales Canada and its Foundation, with the launch of this season's special activities, musical performances by Guillaume Villeneuve, Duo Aster, Elisabeth St-Gelais, Isabelle Héroux, and Marie-Hélène Breault, and a cocktail reception.

**FINANCIÈRE  
BANQUE NATIONALE  
GESTION DE PATRIMOINE**

**DALLAN  
JUNCIERES  
REAGROUPE  
LIMAY**

**LE GROUPE  
MAURICE**

**UQAM | Département de musique**

In partnership with  
**the Concours musical international  
de Montréal**

### SPECIAL EDITION OF HAPPY HOUR CONCERTS: PROMENADES

Following a cocktail hour, this recital by pianist Dimitri Malignan, winner of the Third Prize, the Audience Prize, and the J.S. Bach Prize at the Concours musical international de Montréal, will feature pieces by Bach as well as a performance of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Works of graphic art created by students as part of a mediation workshop will serve as the backdrop for the concert.

**CONCOURS MUSICAL  
INTERNATIONAL  
DE MONTRÉAL**

MAY 18, 2024  
7:30 P.M.  
Théâtre LER  
Dalhousie (NB)  
– \$ –

MAI 19, 2024  
10:30 A.M.  
Centre culturel de Caraquet  
Caraquet (NB)  
– \$ –

### ÉCHOS DE BEETHOVEN

The Dalhousie JMC Chapter and the Péninsule acadienne Chapter welcomes Symphony New Brunswick, conducted by Mélanie Léonard, for a second time. The orchestra of some forty musicians will enchant music lovers with, among others, a captivating performance of Beethoven's Symphony No. 3, Opus 55 "Eroica".

**Symphony  
New Brunswick  
Symphonie  
Nouvelle-Brunswick**

**Fondation  
JM Canada**

In partnership with  
**The Festival des guitares du monde**

### AWARDS FOR EMERGING TALENT

The Rouyn-Noranda JMC Chapter will be awarding grants to up-and-coming artists during the Festival des guitares du monde en Abitibi-Témiscamingue's up-and-coming artists concerts.

**FESTIVAL  
DES GUITARES  
DU MONDE**

**Fondation  
JM Canada**

JUNE 1, 2024  
10:30 A.M.  
Agora des arts  
Rouyn-Noranda (QC)  
– \$ –

JUNE 5, 2024  
6:00 P.M.  
Joseph Rouleau Hall  
Montréal  
– FREE ADMISSION –

### ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Music, scholarships, and hors d'oeuvres will be the order of the day to celebrate the recipients of the JM Canada Foundation's awards.

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JM Canada**

Presented by  
**the Morris and Rosalind Goodman Foundation**

In collaboration with  
**the Orchestre classique de Montréal**

### PRE-CONCERT RECITAL BY SOPRANO ELISABETH ST-GELAIS

As part of the Joseph Rouleau commemorative concert organized by the Orchestre classique de Montréal, JMC will present a pre-concert recital featuring its 2024–2025 artist-in-residence.

**OCM**

**GOODMAN**

JUNE 18, 2024  
6:00 P.M.  
Foyer Antonia-Nantel  
Maison Symphonique  
Montréal  
– \$ –

A co-production with  
**the Festival d'opéra de Québec**

Proud partner of JMC's opera  
**The Azrieli Foundation**

### PREMIERE OF THE OPERA LA VOIX HUMAINE (POULENC) LEVER DE RIDEAU: JE CHANTE LA NUIT ET AUTRES MÉLODIES

In this double bill, where comedy yields to human drama, Poulenc's *La voix humaine* assumes an almost veristic quality of its own, as a breakup unfolds through the trivialities of a telephone conversation. The first half features a singer performing a selection of French mélodies, contrasting lightness with the lyrical tragedy of the second half.

**FESTIVAL  
Opéra  
de Québec**

**Fondation  
Azrieli**

JULY 26, 2024  
7:30 P.M.  
Théâtre La Bordée  
Québec City  
– \$ –

Presented by  
**the C'est beau la vie Foundation**

### THE FOUNDATION'S SPECIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The JM Canada Foundation celebrates 40 years of creation and support for JMC's mission.

**FOUNDATION  
C'EST BEAU LA VIE**

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024  
6:00 P.M.  
Joseph Rouleau Hall  
Montréal  
– \$ –

Presented by  
**the Sandra and Alain Bouchard  
Foundation**

### RECITAL BY ELISABETH ST-GELAIS

As part of an artistic residency and the Happy Hour Concerts series at Joseph Rouleau Hall, Innu soprano Elisabeth St-Gelais will present three brand-new concerts on September 12, October 17, and November 14, 2024.

**Fondation  
Sandra et Alain  
Bouchard**

AUGUST 5, 2024  
11:00 A.M.  
Royal Montreal Golf Club  
Montréal  
– \$ –

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024  
7:30 P.M.  
Orford Musique  
Orford  
– FREE ADMISSION –

Presented by  
**Music Wicha Foundation**

In partnership with  
**Orford Musique**

### EVENING OF RECOGNITION

An special evening featuring a concert and an exhibition of photos from the archives to celebrate the contributions of the directors and administrators of JMC and the JM Canada Foundation.

**WICHA  
MUSIC FOUNDATION**

**ORFORD  
MUSIQUE**

In collaboration with the  
**Orchestre symphonique de la Côte-Nord**

### PRÉLUDE À LA FÊTE!

Special concert celebrating JMC's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, presented by the Port-Cartier Chapter alongside the usual programming. A glass of wine and snacks will be served before the concert.

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**Fondation  
JM Canada**

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024  
7:00 P.M.  
Café-théâtre Graffiti  
Port-Cartier (QC)  
– \$ –



Presented by  
**Peter Mendell**

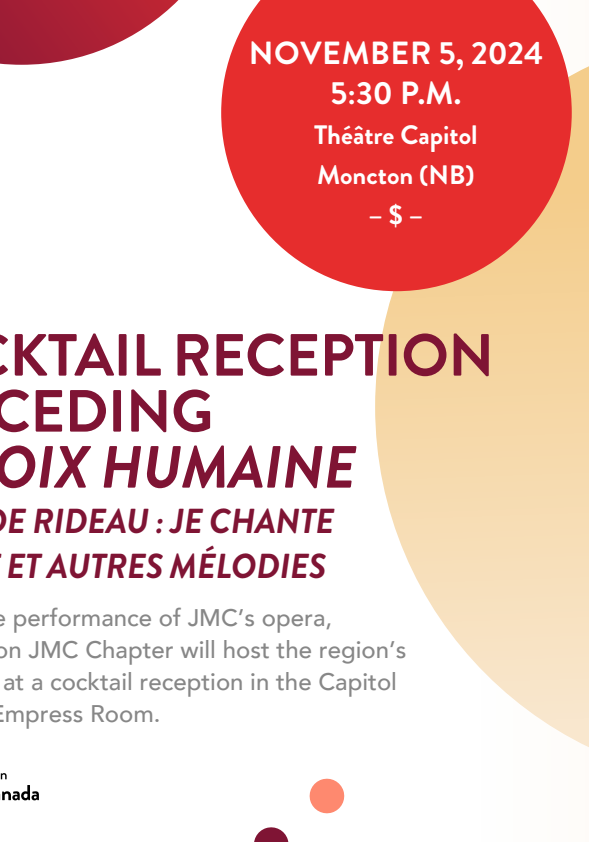
In collaboration with  
**the Concordance de musique du Canada**

### FINALE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW PETER MENDELL PRIZE

Three finalists will perform in this finale that is open to the public, with a chance to win the \$5,000 grand prize. This will also be the occasion to announce the new format of the Peter Mendell Prize for its 20<sup>th</sup> edition.

**CONCOURS DE MUSIQUE DU CANADA  
CANIMEX  
CANIMEX Canadian Music Competition**

SEPTEMBER 27, 2024  
6:00 P.M.  
Joseph Rouleau Hall  
Montréal  
– FREE ADMISSION –



NOVEMBER 5, 2024  
5:30 P.M.  
Théâtre Capitol  
Moncton (NB)  
– \$ –

### COCKTAIL RECEPTION PRECEDING LA VOIX HUMAINE LEVER DE RIDEAU: JE CHANTE LA NUIT ET AUTRES MÉLODIES

Prior to the performance of JMC's opera, the Moncton JMC Chapter will host the region's dignitaries at a cocktail reception in the Capitol Theatre's Empress Room.

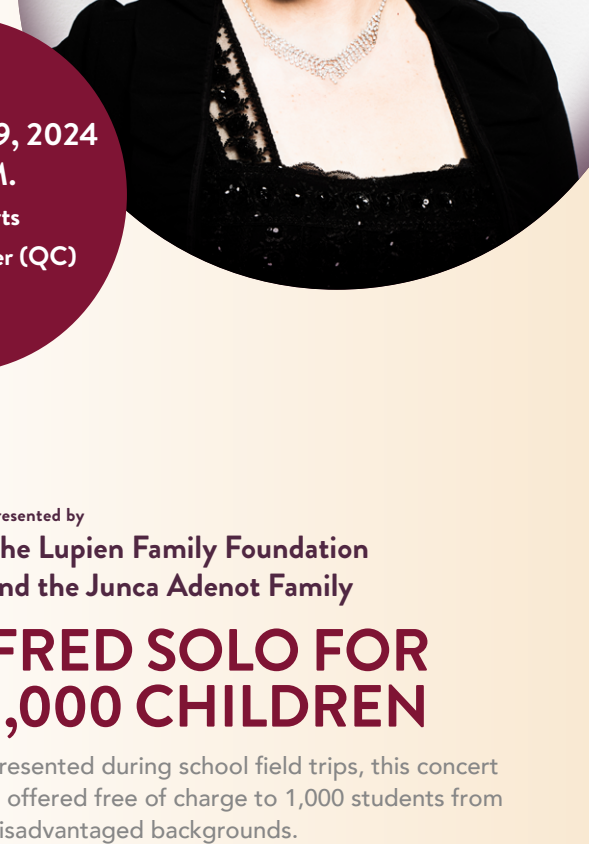
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JM Canada**

### DE LA MER AUX NUAGES

The Baie-des-Chaleurs JMC Chapter presents *De la mer aux nuages*, an immersive video/music experience on the waters of the St. Lawrence and up high in the clouds—an ode to maritime beauty and a call for the protection of water and the environment. With mezzo-soprano Stéphanie Pothier and pianist Rosalie Asselin.

**Fondation  
JM Canada**

NOVEMBER 9, 2024  
5:30 P.M.  
Quai des arts  
Carleton-sur-Mer (QC)  
– \$ –



Presented by  
**The Lupien Family Foundation  
and the Junca Adenot Family**

### FRED SOLO FOR 1,000 CHILDREN

Presented during school field trips, this concert is offered free of charge to 1,000 students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

**Fondation  
Famille Lupien**

**FAMILLE  
ADENOT**

FEBRUARY 10–14,  
2025 | 9:30 A.M.  
AND 10:45 A.M.  
Joseph Rouleau Hall  
Montréal  
– FREE ADMISSION –

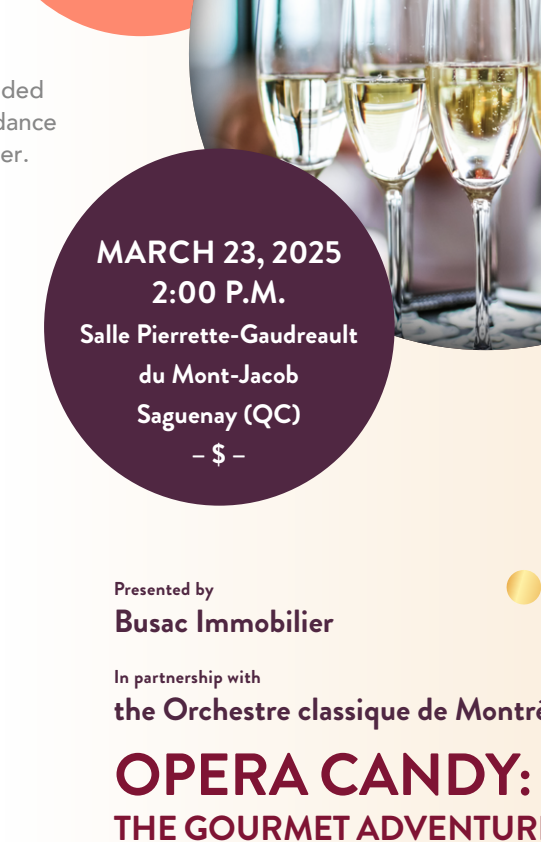


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**the JM Canada Foundation**

### PRIVATE EVENING OF RECOGNITION

To thank them for their support, donors are invited to the dress rehearsal for Gabrielle Gagnon-Picard's concert *Modern Touches: Debussy, Descarries, Louie*.

**Fondation  
JM Canada**



MARCH 12, 2024  
6:00 P.M.  
Joseph Rouleau Hall  
Montréal  
– FREE ADMISSION –  
BY INVITATION ONLY

### SURPRISE CONCERT

A surprise concert to celebrate JMC's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For this special event, the Saguenay JMC Chapter is planning an extended intermission, giving all music lovers in attendance a chance to enjoy a relaxing moment together. On the menu: non-alcoholic sparkling wine to raise a toast to music and peace.

**Fondation  
JM Canada**

MARCH 23, 2025  
2:00 P.M.  
Salle Pierrette-Gaudreault  
du Mont-Jacob  
Saguenay (QC)  
– \$ –

Presented by  
**Busac Immobilier**

In partnership with  
**the Orchestre classique de Montréal**

### OPERA CANDY: THE GOURMET ADVENTURE OF HANSEL AND GRETEL

The concert *Opera Candy: The Gourmet Adventure of Hansel and Gretel* is offered to families in this edition featuring an orchestra.

**BUSAC  
IMMOBILIER**

**OCM**

### JM CANADA FOUNDATION BENEFIT GALA

A host of special guests will round off JMC's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

MAY 2025



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