

Press Release

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**Emerging Artists Concerts:
PORTRAIT and LYRICAL DAYDREAMS Tours
Replacement of the Tour: PEACE**

Montreal, Wednesday, March 11, 2020 - For the last Emerging Artists Concerts tour of the season, Jeunesses Musicales Canada regrets to announce the withdrawal of the *PEACE* concert with soprano Anna-Sophie Neher and pianist Carl Matthieu Neher for the tour **scheduled from March 26, 2020 to April 24, 2020**. For reasons beyond their control, soprano Anna-Sophie Neher will not be able to perform all eleven concerts scheduled for this tour.

In order to respect its broadcasting mandate to its buyers, JM Canada offered 2 voice-piano duos the opportunity to tour in recital. The seven performances scheduled between **March 27 and April 8** (Edmundston, Gaspé, Bathurst, Dalhousie, Carleton-sur-Mer, Caraquet, Fredericton) will be given by the magnificent mezzo-soprano Caroline Gélinas, accompanied by pianist Dominic Boulianne, in their *PORTRAIT* recital. "It is with pleasure that I present my new recital entitled *PORTRAIT*, which pays tribute to the illustrious Canadian singer Maureen Forrester. It is with my accomplice, pianist Dominic Boulianne, that I will introduce you to this fascinating artist," said Caroline Gélinas. Highlighting the works and composers that marked the career of the great Canadian contralto, the recital outlines the exceptional career of this internationally renowned artist through a wide selection of pieces, including Canadian compositions.

The three concerts scheduled from **April 18, 2020, to April 24, 2020** (Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Moncton-Dieppe, Matane) will be replaced by the warm duo of soprano Cécile Muhire and pianist Carl Matthieu Neher. Through familiar French and German melodies composed by Schumann, Berg, Debussy and Fauré, the concert *LYRICAL DAYDREAMS* will poetically evoke the many cycles of love and life.

"It is rare that we had to replace a tour and in this case, we were very happy to count on the commitment of these four artists who are dear to us. We are pleased to give them access to our network and we thank them warmly for accepting the challenge of preparing a recital at the drop of a hat for a tour" commented Danièle LeBlanc, Executive and Artistic Director of JM Canada.

About the artists:

CAROLINE GELINAS AND DOMINIC BOULIANNE:

Named "Révélation Radio-Canada Classique" in 2017-2018 and winner of the 1st prize at the Concours international de mélodies françaises of the Festival Classica (2019), **Caroline Gélinas** has performed at the Opéra

de Montréal, the Opéra de Québec and as a soloist with numerous ensembles such as the Orchestre Métropolitain. Known for his versatile and distinguished playing, **Dominic Boulianne** is an eclectic pianist of great musicality. Graduated from the Conservatoire de musique de Montréal, he quickly made a name for himself on the international scene, working with artists such as Marie-Josée Lord, Nathalie Choquette and Gino Quilico. Since 2017, he has been Artistic Director for the Société d'Art Lyrique du Royaume and a founding member of the OPUS D2 collective.

CECILE MUHIRE AND CARL MATTHIEU NEHER:

Two-time Jacqueline Desmarais Foundation Scholar and recipient of the Jeune Espoir Lyrique Canadien scholarship, soprano **Cécile Muhire** won the 2nd Prize of the Ottawa Choral Society's New Discoveries and makes her debut at the Opéra de Montréal in the role of Strawberry Woman (*Porgy and Bess*). Among her many performances are her collaboration with Jean-Marie Zeitouni and the ensemble I Musici de Montréal. She will soon play the role of Zerlina (*Don Giovanni*) in the Pacific Opera Victoria production. Graduated from the Conservatoire de musique de Montréal and winner of a first prize at the Concours de Musique du Canada, **Carl Matthieu Neher** is also the recipient of the first edition of the Productions musicales Kaleidoscope scholarship. He has performed as a soloist with the Orchestre symphonique de Longueuil and the Orchestre symphonique de Drummondville. Recently, he performed in recital at Place des Arts as part of Pro Musica's "Les Mélodînes" series and as a chamber musician at the Salle Bourgie with the BOP company.

About Jeunesses Musicales Canada

Jeunesses Musicales Canada (JM Canada) is a talent incubator that fosters the careers of emerging musicians and helps broadcast classical music to audiences of all ages. A JM Canada season today represents more than 1,600 musical activities across Canada, from chamber music concerts to stimulating musical activities for young people. Since the foundation of the organization in 1949, an array of renowned artists have had the opportunity to make their debut with the organization: singers Joseph Rouleau, Maureen Forrester, Marc Hervieux, Marie-Nicole Lemieux, and Étienne Dupuis, violinists Angèle Dubeau and James Ehnes; and more recently pianist Charles Richard-Hamelin, OSM Concertmaster Andrew Wan and cellist Stéphane Tétréault, among others.

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