



The OCM presents the  
Forever Handel concert

## Description

# Orchestre classique de Montréal welcomes the Ensemble Caprice and Karina Gauvin

April 13, 2022

The **Orchestre classique de Montréal** (OCM) will share the stage with the excellent **Ensemble Caprice** in a co-production with the group led by conductor **Matthias Maute**, on Thursday, April 28 at Salle Pierre-Mercure. Presented by **RPIA**, the concert will also feature the renowned Quebec soprano **Karina Gauvin**.

The aria *Lascia ch'io pianga* will be dedicated to the memory of Maestro **Boris Brott**, who tragically passed away on April 5. A tribute to him, the details of which will be announced shortly, will be performed in the coming months.

The OCM and Ensemble Caprice will join forces on themes from Handel's *Water Music*, conducted by Matthias Maute. The musicians will transport the audience to a riparian paradise in this co-production of the two Montreal orchestras.

The great Quebec soprano Karina Gauvin will perform Handel's most virtuosic arias interspersed with works by two Montreal composers: A world premiere composition by Dutch-Canadian **Jaap Nico Hamburger** and **Alexander Brott's Arabesque**, featuring the OCM's accomplished principal cellist **Chloé Dominguez**.

## Soprano Karina Gauvin

Recognized for her work in the Baroque repertoire, Karina Gauvin has been awarded several honours throughout her career, including Soloist of the Year by the Communauté internationale des radios publiques de langue française, First Prize in the CBC Young Performers Competition, and the Virginia Parker Prize.

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The renowned soprano has collaborated with many of the world's leading orchestras, including the Montreal Symphony, the San Francisco Symphony, the Chicago Symphony, the New York Philharmonic, the Rotterdam Philharmonic, as well as a number of Baroque orchestras such as Les Talens Lyrique, the Venice Baroque Orchestra, the Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Les Violons du Roy.

As part of its 82nd season, entitled "Women of Distinction," the OCM honours a great woman outside the music world who has left her mark on the community at each concert. At the concert, the OCM will pay tribute to the Honourable **Monique Bégin**, one of the first women from Quebec to be elected to the federal Parliament and also a minister in Pierre Trudeau's cabinet.

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**Karina Gauvin**, soprano  
**Chloé Dominguez**, cello  
**Matthias Maute**, conductor  
Ensemble Caprice  
Orchestre classique de Montréal

## Program

*Water Music: Suite II & III* (HWV 349 & 350), by G. F. Handel

*Lascia ch'io pianga* from *Rinaldo*, HWV 7, by G. F. Handel

*Da tempeste* from *Giulio Cesare*, HWV 17, by G. F. Handel

*Sweet bird* from *L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato*, HWV 55, by G. F. Handel

*Let the bright Seraphim* from *Samson*, HWV 57, by G. F. Handel

*Arabesque*, by A. Brott

*Concerto Antico? : 'through a smoky mirror'* by Jaap Nico Hamburger (PREMIERE)

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Thursday, April 28, at 7:30 pm  
Salle Pierre-Mercure

Tickets: : 25 \$ – 59\$

Available to purchase online at [orchestre.ca](http://orchestre.ca)

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## IN MEMORIAM : BORIS BROTT



Long-time Artistic Director and conductor of the OCM, an extraordinary ambassador and advocate for classical music, Maestro Boris Brott passed away on April 5, 2022.

Boris Brott was the heart and soul of the Orchestre Classique de Montréal, and his sudden passing leaves a deep void in the artistic community.

This season's concerts and future activities of the orchestra will continue.

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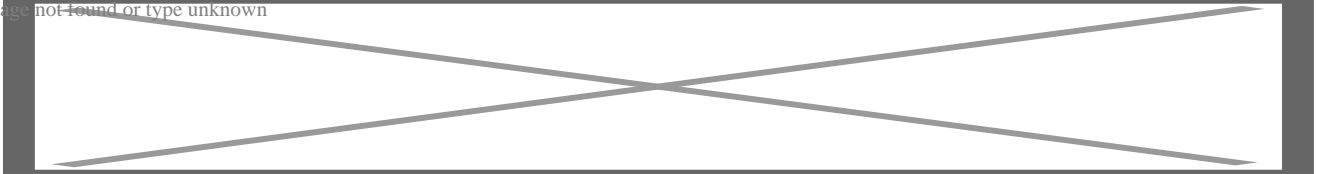
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