

**RICHARD LUPIEN IMPROVISATION PRIZE, FIRST EDITION:  
AND THE WINNER IS...**

**THE MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL COMPETITION, 2014 PIANO EDITION  
KICKS OFF NEXT MONDAY, MAY 26**

**Montreal, May 20, 2014** — The Montreal International Musical Competition (MIMC) announces that the international jury—made up of Mr. François Dompierre (Canada), also President of the jury, Mr. Bruno Fontaine (France), and Ms. Gabriela Montero (Venezuela)—has chosen Mr. Serhiy Salov, from Ukraine, as the Grand Prize winner of the first edition of the Richard Lupien Improvisation Prize, which was held this afternoon in Tanna Schulich Hall at McGill University. The laureate received a \$5,000 grant. It is worth mentioning that Serhiy Salov was also the winner of the First Prize at the first piano edition of the MIMC, in 2004.

The MIMC wishes to congratulate each of the 6 participants that took part in this new prize, which is seeking to promote classical piano improvisation, a traditional discipline still taught in some higher music education institutions. The MIMC stands out among the 115 competitions in the World Federation of International Music Competitions by being the first to offer such an award. According to Mr. Richard Lupien, today we witnessed the true meaning of “the art of living in the present and to the fullest!”

The Richard Lupien Improvisation Prize was broadcast live on [medici.tv](http://medici.tv) and will be available internationally for on demand listening for three months.

For complete details, please visit the Competition’s website at [www.concoursmontreal.ca](http://www.concoursmontreal.ca). It’s a date... for all piano fans!

**MIMC, PIANO 2014 EDITION / MAY 26 – JUNE 6**

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**QUARTER FINALS**

**MAY 26-27-28**, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Bourgie Concert Hall  
Montreal Museum of Fine Arts  
Per session: \$15 /  
\$11.25 student, 60+

**SEMI-FINALS**

**May 30 & 31**, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Bourgie Concert Hall  
Montreal Museum of Fine Arts  
Per session: \$20 /  
\$15 student, 60+

**FINALS**

**JUNE 3 & 4**, 7:30 p.m.  
Maison symphonique de Montréal  
Orchestre symphonique de Montréal  
Guest Conductor: Giancarlo Guerrero  
\$45, \$32, \$21 /  
\$22.50, \$16, \$10.50 student, 60+

**GALA CONCERT**

**JUNE 6**, 7:30 p.m.  
Maison symphonique de Montréal  
Orchestre symphonique de Montréal  
Guest Conductor: Giancarlo Guerrero  
\$45, \$32, \$21 /  
\$22.50, \$16, \$10.50 student, 60+

## ▪ INFORMATION AND BOX OFFICE

Tickets and passports for the quarter-final and semi-final rounds are available at the Bourgie Concert Hall box office: <https://ebillet.mbam.qc.ca> | 514 285-2000, option 4

Tickets for the final round and the Gala concert of the laureates are available at the Place des arts box office: [www.laplacedesarts.com](http://www.laplacedesarts.com) | 514-842-2112 | 1 866-842-2112.

*Packages are available. Prices may vary depending on service charges.*

## BENEFIT CONCERT / JUNE 2

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### ▪ OLIVER JONES & DANIEL CLARKE BOUCHARD, « AN EXCEPTIONAL DUO »

A concert benefitting the MIMC Foundation, and bringing together 14-year-old pianist Daniel Clarke Bouchard and his mentor, renowned jazz pianist Oliver Jones, “An Exceptional Duo” will offer the audience a musical program reflecting the interests of both musicians, who will take turns performing classical and jazz pieces, bringing their two worlds together for a few numbers. Bassist Éric Lagacé and drummer Jim Doxas, two well-known musicians on the Montreal jazz scene, will also be part of the concert.

**JUNE 2**, 7:30 p.m.

Maison symphonique de Montréal  
Place des Arts, 1600, St-Urbain Street

Tickets: [www.laplacedesarts.com](http://www.laplacedesarts.com) | 514-842-2112 | 1 866-842-2112

\$50, \$40, \$30 /

\$37.50, \$30, \$22,50 student, 60+

*Prices may vary depending on service charges.*

## FREE ACTIVITIES / MAY 21 & 29

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### ▪ IMPROVISATION WORKSHOP

**MAY 21**, 2 p.m.

With pianist Bruno Fontaine  
Tanna Schulich Hall  
Schulich School of Music of McGill  
University  
527 Sherbrooke St. W.  
Free entrance

### ▪ MASTERCLASS

**MAY 29**, 2:30 p.m.

With pianist Michel Béroff  
Bourgie Concert Hall  
Montreal Museum of Fine Arts  
1339 Sherbrooke St. W.  
Free entrance

More details: [www.concoursmontreal.ca](http://www.concoursmontreal.ca)

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The Montreal International Musical Competition seeks to discover and support young singers, violinists, and pianists who have distinguished themselves as masters of their art. Since its first edition dedicated to voice in 2002, 2,300 candidates have applied to take part in the competition, with 350 given the opportunity to perform in Montreal, to the great delight of music lovers. Presented by Hydro-Québec, the MIMC is proud to count on the support of such major arts partners as Radio-Canada and the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal.

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