

Dear Friends and Music Lovers,

Spring has finally come to Canada, and already we are thinking of summer. Summer, the season of festivals and special concert series, the season of holidays and of leisure time, the season of plenty of good music. The schedules of our artists are packed, and if you don't find the time to hear them live, you might enjoy them on CD – great recordings have been released or are about to be. Read on, and discover the fresh sound of virtuosity!

Best regards,
Barbara Scales
Director of Latitude45 Arts

News

Scotia Festival

This year the Scotia Festival of Music enters its 30th season, and like the years before it offers over fifty public events, featuring international talent of the highest calibre. You will meet several Latitude45 artists among them: Alain Trudel conducts several orchestra concerts, including Mahler's 2nd Symphony in the final gala; and violinist Mark Fewer will appear both with his SuperNova String Quartet and as a soloist. His performance of Felix Mendelssohn's double concerto for violin, piano and orchestra, together with John Novacek on the piano and Alain Trudel conducting, will surely be one of the festival's highlights.

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www.scotiafestival.ns.ca

Mexico Concerts Cancelled

Due to the outbreak of swine influenza in Mexico, the Ollin Kan festival in Mexico City had to be cancelled, and with it the scheduled performances of Kleztory. We all know how important culture is to people in hard times, and we feel how hard this decision must have been to those responsible. Our sympathy is with them and with our colleagues in Mexico, who face such difficult circumstances, as well as with all others around the world affected.

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Sanctuary in Shanghai

Organist Peter Togni, bass clarinetist Jeff Reilly, and cellist Christoph Both, together known as Sanctuary Trio, prepare to leave for Shanghai to perform at the Shanghai Oriental Arts Center Concert Hall. In this prestigious Asian hall with the biggest pipe organ in China, Sanctuary trio will bring its avant-garde contemplative music to an audience of 2000. The concert has been sold out for months.

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www.sanctuarymusic.ca

Kudos to Jenny Lin

Classics Today, the major CD review magazine online, praises Jenny Lin's recent recording of Shostakovich's preludes and fugues as "the finest version of this massive work yet recorded". Reviewer David Hurwitz puts her above Tatiana Nikolayeva, Konstantin Scherbakov, and even Vladimir Ashkenazy, wowed by her "brilliant, moody, energetic, edgy, and technically stunning exploration of Shostakovich's compositional genius."

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classicstoday.com/review.asp?ReviewNum=12199

Vladimir Mischouk records Chopin

Russian pianist and Chopin specialist Vladimir Mischouk is preparing to record all Chopin works for piano and orchestra during summer and fall 2009. His orchestral partner is the St. Petersburg Capella Symphony under the direction of Conrad van Alphen. The CD is to be released in spring 2010 with the Belgian label Talent records.

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Adieu, Brian; Welcome, Mark and Krysta!

For several years, Brian Harman has been an agent with Latitude45, bringing our fresh sound of virtuosity to Canada's stages. He now retreats to fully concentrate on his university studies and finish his doctorate in composition. We want to thank Brian for his great work and his passion, and wish him every success in his future endeavours!

Brian's duties will be taken over by Mark Bradley, who will not only serve the Canadian market, but also tighten our network in the New York area. Another new face in the Latitude45 team is Krista Martynes. Krista is fluent in English and French and will intensify our presence in francophone countries as well as assisting with orchestra contacts in the US.

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Artist of the Month: Alain Trudel

Some people dream of only one career, others are successful with several. Alain Trudel is one of the latter. Already having become famous as a trombonist, five years ago he changed roles and started conducting. Today, he is music director and principal conductor of three prestigious Canadian orchestras – the National Broadcasting Orchestra, the Orchestre Symphonique de Laval, and the Toronto Symphony Youth orchestra – as well as principal guest conductor of the Victoria Symphony. He also is a regular guest with orchestras across Canada and increasingly around the world.

But Alain Trudel not only has a second, but even a third career. His own compositions gain high praise and are performed regularly in Canada and abroad. He just returned from a tour to Albania, where he conducted the Radio Television Symphony Orchestra of Albania in a program of Grieg and his own "Rhea", an orchestra piece dedicated to the ancient Greek goddess mother and to the love of arts. "Charlotte and the Music Maker", an orchestra work for young audiences developed in collaboration with Platypus Theatre, has been performed with ten North American orchestras, and next season will travel as far as Kuala-Lumpur.

The next weeks will see Alain Trudel conducting the final round and the gala concert of the Montreal International Music Competition for Voice, and participating in Halifax's Scotia Festival; during summer, he will tour the National Youth Orchestra across Canada. He will again turn to working with voices in November, when conducting the Magic Flute with the Opéra de Montréal. His plans for the future? To conduct, to compose, and to grow further. No doubt he will!

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www.alaintrudel.com



Events

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May 1, time tba, Sao Paolo (Brazil)

Klezatory perform their emotionally charged klezmer at Sao Paolo's cultural festival "Virada Cultural"

May 6, 7 pm, Spencer Museum of Art, Kansas (USA)

Percussionist Makoto Nakura performs "The Wood and Forests Project" within the museum's "Trees & Other Ramifications: Branches in Nature & Culture" exhibition

May 7, 7:30 pm, Stratmore Mansion, Washington D.C. (USA)

Jenny Lin plays her Études program: piano music by Claude Debussy, György Ligeti, Olivier Messiaen, and others

- May 8, 9:30 pm, An die Musik LIVE!, Baltimore MD (USA)
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- May 11, 8:30 pm, Carnegie Weill Recital Hall, New York City (USA)
Jenny Lin, Zaidee Perkinson and friends play "Songs by friends and family": works by Ned Rorem, Jed Distler, Cornelius Dufallo, Kenji Bunch, and Stefan Wolpe, for piano, violin, and voices
- May 11, 1 pm, St. Paul's Chapel, Trinity Church on Wall Street, New York City (USA)
Lucille Chung performs piano music by Schumann, Morel, and Saint-Saens
- May 13, 12 pm, Stowe Community Church, Stowe, VT (USA)
Noontime music by Makoto Nakura on marimba
- May 14, 7:30 pm, Heliconian Hall, Toronto (Canada)
Haydn Bicentenary Celebrations: the Duke Trio (Mark Fewer, violin; Thomas Wiebe, cello; Peter Longworth, piano) plays Haydn's "Gypsy Trio" and works by Carl Frühling, Paul Schoenfield, and Arno Babadjanian
- May 15, 9 pm, Église de Soyons, Soyons (France)
Pascal Gallet, piano, and Marielle Nordmann, harp, at the Musicales de Soyons en Balade
- May 20, 12:15 pm, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago (USA)
Dame Myra Hess concert series: Lucille Chung and Alessio Bax play piano music for four hands by Schubert and Stravinsky
- May 30-31, time tba, Fontmorigny (France)
International Piano Festival "Pentecôte Musicale", under the artistic direction of Pascal Gallet
- June 7, time tba, Kobe International Convention Center, Kobe (Japan)
Makoto Nakura performs "The Song of a Great Tree for marimba and band" by Toshio Mashima
- June 9, 7 pm, Dalhousie Arts Centre, Halifax, NS (Canada)
Mark Fewer performs Mendelssohn's concerto for piano, violin and string orchestra, together with John Novacek, piano, and Scotia Strings, under the direction of Alain Trudel
- June 11, 7 pm, Dalhousie Arts Centre, Halifax, NS (Canada)
Mark Fewer, violin, and John Novacek, piano, perform George Antheil's Violin Sonata No. 1; and Alain Trudel conducts Scotia Strings in John Adams' Chamber Symphony
- June 13, 3:30 pm, Chanel Nexus Hall, Tokyo (Japan)
Makoto Nakura at the Young Concert Artists Festival Week: chamber music for and with marimba
- June 14, 3:30 pm, All Saints Cathedral, Halifax, NS (Canada)
Alain Trudel conducts Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 2 in the Scotia Festival's final gala concert