

THE OPÉRA DE MONTRÉAL 2016-2017 SEASON: AN OPERATIC JOURNEY TO SHARE WITH YOU!

Montréal, Thursday, March 3, 2016 — For its 37th season, Opéra de Montréal brings you five operas, including two new productions and *Another Brick In The Wall – The Opera*, inspired by Roger Waters' mythical work, *The Wall*, and to be presented as a world premiere in collaboration with the Society for the Celebration of Montréal's 375th Anniversary.

FIVE OPERAS

Artistic Director, **Michel Beaulac**, proposes "An operatic journey to share with you!" – a season comprised of classics and grandiose works.

Aida by Verdi

A spectacular and well-known opera, with an international cast.

Cast

Aida – Anna Markarova*
Radamès – Kamen Chaney
Amneris – Olesya Petrova*
Amonasro – Kiril Manolov*
Conductor – Paul Nadler

Stage Director – François Racine

Opéra de Montréal Chorus / Orchestre Métropolitain

September 17.20.22.24, 2016. Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier, 7:30 p.m.

Production: Opéra de Montréal



Don Giovanni by Mozart

The opera of all operas! Company debuts for young Conductor, Jordan de Souza, and renowned Stage Director, David Lefkovich, as part of a primarily Canadian cast.

Cast

Don Giovanni – Gordon Bintner
Leporello – Daniel Okulitch
Donna Anna – Emily Dorn*
Don Ottavio – Jean-Michel Richer
Donna Elvira – Layla Claire
Zerlina – Hélène Guilmette
Conductor – Jordan de Souza*

Stage Director – David Lefkovich*

Opéra de Montréal Chorus / Orchestre Métropolitain

November 12.15.17.19, 2016. Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier, 7:30 p.m.

Production: Boston Lyric Opera, Glimmerglass Opera

A brand new production bringing together a stellar cast, led by Conductor, Jean-François Rivest, and Stage Director, Serge Denoncourt.



Cast

Blanche de la Force – Marianne Fiset
Madame Lidoine – Marie-Josée Lord
Mother Marie of the Incarnation – Aidan Ferguson
Madame de Croissy – Mia Lennox
Sister Constance of St. Denis – Magali Simard-Galdès
Marquis de la Force – Gino Quilico
Chevalier de la Force – Antoine Bélanger
Conductor – Jean-François Rivest
Stage Director – Serge Denoncourt
Opéra de Montréal Chorus / Orchestre symphonique de Montréal
January 28.31 + February 2.4, 2017. Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier, 7:30 p.m.
New production: Production ODM Inc.

Another Brick In The Wall – The Opera

WORLD PREMIERE

In collaboration with the Society for the Celebration of Montréal's 375th Anniversary



Composer, Julien Bilodeau, and Stage Director, Dominic Champagne, offer you an opera based on the lyrics and music of Roger Waters' *The Wall*.

Cast

Pink – Étienne Dupuis
Conductor – Alain Trudel
Stage Director – Dominic Champagne*
Opéra de Montréal Chorus / Orchestre Métropolitain
March 11.14.16.18.20.22.24, 2017. Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier, 7:30 p.m.
New production

La bohème by Puccini

A classic par excellence!



Cast

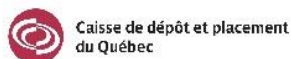
Mimi – France Bellemare
Rodolfo – Luc Robert
Marcello – Justin Welsh
Musetta – Lucia Cesaroni
Schaunard – Christopher Dunham
Colline – Alexandre Sylvestre
Conductor – James Meena
Stage Director – Alain Gauthier
Opéra de Montréal Chorus / Orchestre Métropolitain
May 20.23.25.27, 2017. Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier, 7:30 p.m.
Production: Opéra de Montréal

Opéra de Montréal's educational and outreach activities

Ongoing educational and outreach activities are designed to initiate adults and young people of all ages to the opera.

- Three **Open dress rehearsals**: *Don Giovanni*, *Dialogues of the Carmelites* and *La bohème*, each enabling 2300 adolescents to attend complimentary opera performances
- **School matinees**: For elementary school youth: "400 Years of opera" show, with singers and narrator, in collaboration with Une école montréalaise pour tous
- **CoOpera**: Continuing for a 13th season. **NEW** – Opéra de Montréal now offers the **coOpera kit**, enabling schools all throughout the province of Québec to participate in the project.
- The **Festival international de la littérature (FIL)** will present the "Librettists for an evening" concert-talk, created in collaboration with Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, featuring an interview on the subject of rewritten opera arias, with Musicologist, Pierre Vachon, literary personalities and singers from Opéra de Montréal's Atelier lyrique.
- **NEW**: *Hänsel and Gretel* DVD available for all Québec schools
- For a 4th season, the **Spotlight on vocal arts** series presents 3 concert-talks at the Grande Bibliothèque, in collaboration with Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec:
 - September 2016: Continuation, in the context of the Festival international de la littérature event, "Librettists for an evening," created to highlight the Grande Bibliothèque's 10-year anniversary: 5 creative artists rewrite an opera aria
 - January 2017: Women and the opera, tracing major roles and performers
 - Spring 2017: Operatic Montréal: history to celebrate Montréal's 375th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs.
Bernard Stotland
And Family



OPÉRA DE MONTRÉAL'S ATELIER LYRIQUE

Atelier lyrique's numerous activities will be unveiled in September of 2016.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Mardi Gras – February 28, 2017

Organized in collaboration with the Casino de Montréal, the worldwide Mardi Gras celebration has become a Montréal tradition, with a grandiose evening and proceeds going to Moisson Montréal and the Opéra de Montréal.

Photos from the first edition of Mardi Gras: <https://www.facebook.com/OperadeMontreal/>

In collaboration with

A fundraiser for Opéra de Montréal and



National Bank Night at the opera – March 17, 2017

A dazzling evening for professionals 40 years and under, taking place on stage amidst the sets.



Exquisite voices: a taste of vintage – May 24, 2017

A sensory event to be held on the Wilfrid-Pelletier stage, combining great voices from the Atelier lyrique and vintage wines.



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All operas are presented in the original language, with English and French surtitles.

SALLE WILFRID-PELLETIER AT PLACE DES ARTS (PDA)

VERDI – *Aida* | September 17, 20, 22 & 24, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

MOZART – *Don Giovanni* | November 12, 15, 17 & 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

POULENC – *Dialogues of the Carmelites* | January 28 & 31 and February 2 & 4, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

BILODEAU – *Another Brick In The Wall – The Opera* | March 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 & 24, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

PUCCINI – *La bohème* | May 20, 23, 25 & 27, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

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TICKET SALES

SUBSCRIPTIONS

For 4 / 5 operas, offered now, starting at \$169, and available until November 19, 2016.

PRE-SALE FOR *ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL – THE OPERA*

Pre-sale tickets available from **March 3 to 20, 2016 (inclusively)**.

Only at Opéra de Montréal's box office: 514-985-2258 • 1 877 385-2222

SINGLE TICKETS

Place des Arts box office: 514-842-2112 • 1 866 842-2112

Starting at \$20, and on sale **starting August 2, 2016**

GET IN ON THE ACT! EXPERIENCE THE OPERA ONLINE AT OPERADEMONTREAL.COM

The Opéra de Montréal

Founded in 1980 and based in Montréal, Opéra de Montréal is the largest Francophone opera house in North America. Last year, under the leadership of its Executive Director, Pierre Dufour, and Artistic Director, Michel Beaulac, nearly 50 000 people attended Opéra de Montréal performances. The season consists of four operas, an Atelier lyrique production and cultural democratization activities. The Opéra is a major player in cultural, social and economic development, given that each season it maintains relationships with over 360 local businesses, and employs a minimum of 800 artists and artisans. Almost 80% of performing artists are Canadian.

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