



December Edition / 2018

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**Happening in Montréal this month:**

**Friday Jazz Night's at the Hotel Le St-James**

**Friday Evening from 18h00 – 22h00 – XO Le Restaurant**

Every Friday evening **XO Le Restaurant** plays host to one of the newest revelations on Montréal's jazz scene: **Le Gentiane MG Trio**. Enjoy a full evening of elegance and entertainment in this former Bankers Hall while sampling our tasting menu, or simply stop by to sip on your favorite cocktail and take in the beautiful sounds of this instrumental trio.

**Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal (2018-2019)**

**December 4, 5, 12,13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 2018 – Place des Arts/Maison Symphonique**

The Maison Symphonique de Montréal is the new home of the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal. This hall was inaugurated on September 7, 2011, by the OSM under Music Director Kent Nagano. The 2017-2018 season will be dazzling and richly diversified - a season that promises deep emotions! As music lovers, you'll be hearing works in 2017-2018 that are great in scale and stature. [www.osm.ca](http://www.osm.ca)

**Orchestre Métropolitain (2018-2019)**

**December 6, 21, 23, 2018 – Various Locations**

The moment you first experience the Orchestre Métropolitain, you feel a special connection. The Orchestre Métropolitain is more than a space where impassioned musicians transport the audience to other lands: it is an exhilarating rendezvous that inspires each listener in a unique way. I invite you to join us for an exceptionally rich and colourful adventure, full of exclusive discoveries for the senses. Come celebrate 35 years of magic!

Throughout these 35 years, the Orchestre has written its history—a beautiful one—and has forged a very enviable and unique identity for itself by expanding its playing field year after year, whether through the scope of our repertoire, of our audience, or in terms of our style... These 35 years are a reflection of our authenticity, and carry with them, and with us, all the power of our raison d'être: sharing music. The influence that we have today in the music world is matched only by our will to keep going and push ourselves further. [www.orchestremetropolitain.com](http://www.orchestremetropolitain.com)



### **Concerts at The Museum of Fine Arts**

**December 2, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23, 2018**

Bourgie Concert Hall, at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA) complex, is a 444-seat venue located in the restored Erskine and American Church (designed in 1894 in Neo-Romanesque style by architect Alexander Cowper Hutchison). Designated a national historic site in 1998, the transformed setting is now graced with high-quality acoustics and an exceptional décor incorporating 20 historic Tiffany stained glass windows. Ideal for performances by chamber-music ensembles, string orchestras, and other groups, Bourgie Concert Hall offer music lovers an auditory repertoire as diverse as the MMFA collections. [www.mbam.ca](http://www.mbam.ca)

### **Les Grand Ballets Canadiens – The Nutcracker**

**December 13 to 30, 2018** – Place des Arts/Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier

No season would be complete without *The Nutcracker!* This timeless ballet tells the adventures of little Clara and her nutcracker in an enchanted kingdom filled with sweets and marvellous characters. With Les Grands Ballets Orchestra.

Created in 1964 for Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal, this adaptation of the Hoffmann tale by Quebec dancer choreographer [Fernand Nault](#) (1920-2006) is among the most beautiful in existence. It is performed by some one hundred dancers, with sumptuous sets designed by Peter Horne, scintillating costumes by François Barbeau, and lighting by Nicholas Cernovitch.

[www.placedesarts.com](http://www.placedesarts.com)

### **Passagers – Les 7 Doigts**

**November 14, 2018 to January 5, 2019** – La Tohu

Departure vs. transit vs. arrival. Chance vs. choice vs. destiny. Stillness vs. acceleration. Reflection vs. transparency. Familiar vs. foreign. Private vs. public. Confinement vs. border-crossing. Bright headlights vs. tunnel-darkness. Past vs. future...

Our fascination with trains is both a nostalgic one — dreams of another era, another land — and a symbolic one: life happens along this track of sorts, twisting and turning through valleys and plains. We speed through lands all the while staring out the window, at the reflection of our very own eyes superimposed upon the shifting landscape. Tearful goodbyes, anticipatory reunions. Fateful encounters inside the cabin. A community of strangers with one thing in common: we all have somewhere to go. Our reasons for leaving may differ but we are joined in a moment of suspended limbo between two lives, as we say goodbye to one and prepare for another.

[www.tohu.ca](http://www.tohu.ca)



### **Aura**

**Since March 20th, 2017 –** Basilique Notre-Dame

Light unveils the richness of the Notre-Dame Basilica's heritage and invites us to celebrate its beauty.

The experience begins with a path of lights, revealing the Basilica's wealth of exquisite works. A progressive immersion into a sonically and visually captivating universe guides visitors to the heart of the heart of Notre-Dame.

Then, light, orchestral music and grandiose architecture combine to create a unique, three-act multimedia spectacle.

Allow yourself to be transported by AURA and discover an unexpected, stunning universe presented upon one of the most sublime canvases imaginable: the Notre-Dame Basilica.

[www.aurabasiliquemontreal.com](http://www.aurabasiliquemontreal.com)

### **Montreal Bach Festival 2018**

**November 22 to December 7, 2018 –** Maison Symphonique & Various Locations

The Montreal Bach Festival is North America's premiere destination for the timeless musical genius of Johann Sebastian Bach and the cultural legacy that he has inspired.

Through a series of concerts and educational programs, the Bach Festival showcases our elite musicians to the world and brings world class performers to Quebec. It contributes significantly to Montreal's international reputation as a cultural metropolis, attracting both international and local audiences to enrich the life of Montrealers as well as its communal life.

The greatest artists in the world come to Montreal to honour Johann Sebastian Bach. His infinitely beautiful music has found a home at the Montreal Bach Festival.

[www.festivalbachmontreal.com](http://www.festivalbachmontreal.com)

### **Cité Mémoire**

**Fridays & Saturdays from dusk to 23h00 –** Throughout Old Montréal

Loosely inspired by the history of Montreal, *Cité Mémoire* invites you to meet a host of characters who've witnessed the city's evolution first-hand. Poetic, dreamlike and occasionally playful, the tableaux come alive with images, words and music. Projected throughout Old Montreal, the work appears on the very walls that surround us, the ground on which we walk, the trees that frame our present. A creation by Michel Lemieux and Victor Pilon, in collaboration with Michel Marc Bouchard. <http://www.montrealenhistoires.com>



### **LUMINOTHÉRAPIE FESTIVAL**

**November 29, 2018 to January 27, 2019** - Place des Festivals

Place des Festivals will be transformed into a brilliant, interactive museum from. *Luminothérapie* projects colourful animations on 8 facades. *Prismatica* is a montage of fifty prisms through which we can see the city as a kaleidoscope. *Fascinoscope* transports us to an early Twentieth Century carnival, remixed for the digital age. As you approach these interactive kiosks, they will come alive like fairground games.

[quartierdesspectacles.com](http://quartierdesspectacles.com)

### **The Nutcracker Market**

**November 29 to December 9, 2018** – Palais des Congrès

For all those who love shopping, who are searching for the perfect gift of the highest quality, the Market is the place to make some fabulous discoveries. Profits from the Market go directly into Les Grands Ballets' Nutcracker Fund for Children, which benefits youth from disadvantaged communities. What better way to capture the spirit of the season?

[www.marchecassenoisette.com](http://www.marchecassenoisette.com)

### **Alexander Calder: Radical Inventor**

**September 21, 2018 to February 24, 2019** –Montréal Museum of Fine Arts

The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts is presenting the first major Canadian retrospective of Alexander Calder (1898-1976) to highlight all the many facets of the career of the American "who made sculpture move". Developed, organized and circulated by the MMFA, the exhibition Alexander Calder: Radical Inventor presents 150 works and archival documents to portray the full scope of artist's extraordinarily innovative multidisciplinary practice: from his wire drawings to his paintings, and from his invention of the mobile to his monumental sculptures.

[www.mbam.qc.ca](http://www.mbam.qc.ca)

### **Françoise Sullivan**

**October 20 2018 to January 20, 2019** – Museum of Contemporary Art

This retrospective exhibition highlights the key role of artist Françoise Sullivan in the history of modern and contemporary art in Quebec. It's a chance for visitors to discover or rediscover an artist whose major impact on Quebec and Canadian culture deserves to be more fully recognized. In addition to presenting the artist's diverse and multidisciplinary practice, the exhibition offers an in-depth exploration of some of the milestones in her career. The various styles and approaches adopted by Sullivan over the years are contextualized with the help of archival documents.

[www.macm.com](http://www.macm.com)



### **Julian Rosefeldt**

**October 20, 2018 to January 20, 2019**– Museum of Contemporary Art

German artist Julian Rosefeldt produced *Manifesto* in 2015. This thirteen-channel immersive video installation stands as a tribute to the tradition and literary beauty of artist manifestos. The artwork/event, which lies at the crossroads between film, performance and installation, gives the MAC's audiences an opportunity to personally experience a work that has created a sensation wherever it has been shown.

Each of the thirteen screens in *Manifesto* presents the same actor (Cate Blanchett) taking on various roles: schoolteacher, homeless man, factory worker, puppeteer, scientist. All of the monologues spoken—actually, the only words spoken in the piece—are formed out of various artists' manifestos published over the last 150 years or so. Rosefeldt offers us thirteen collages, drawing on the writings of Futurists, Dadaists, Fluxus artists, Suprematists, Situationists, Dogme 95, and the musings of artists, architects, dancers and filmmakers such as Claes Oldenburg, Yvonne Rainer, Kazimir Malevitch, André Breton, Elaine Sturtevant, Sol LeWitt and Jim Jarmusch. The result is a fascinating installation that reveals both the performative component and the political significance of these declarations. [www.macm.com](http://www.macm.com)

### **Salon des Métiers d'Arts Montréal**

**December 06 to 17, 2018** – Place Bonaventure

Show featuring more than 350 artists and craftspeople joining together for a memorable 58th edition brimming with wonderful surprises. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet with Québec artists and craftspeople who take a passion in transforming their materials into beautiful, decorative, functional and original works of art. [www.salon-d-arts.qc.ca](http://www.salon-d-arts.qc.ca)

### **New Years Eve Celebration**

**December 31, 2018** – Old Port of Montreal

Welcome the New Year like never before! Join crowds of thousands for a big show and a New Year's fireworks display presented by TELUS®. Dance the night away to the rhythms of a giant megadisco. The Coca-Cola New Year's Bash is your invitation to a jumping holiday party for one and all.

### **Enchanted World – McCord Museum**

**November 13<sup>th</sup> – January 06<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Montrealers have been spellbound by the mechanical displays in Ogilvy's department store window every Christmastime since 1947. The Bavarian scenes, custom made by the German toy manufacturer Steiff, feature dozens of handcrafted animals working and playing. Similar to those of department stores in other parts of the world, like Macy's in New York or the Galeries Lafayette in Paris, these window displays are among the last of their kind in North America. <http://www.musee-mccord.qc.ca/en/>



### **Christmas in the Park – Place Emilie-Gamelin**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Christmas Market, free outdoor events, poetry, bonfires and much more. Children will enjoy the festive setting and parents will relive the Christmases of their youth. Take the opportunity to pick your own tree grown on the premises!

<https://www.quartierdesspectacles.com/en/event/168/christmas-in-the-park-place-emilie-gamelin/>

### **Montreal Christmas Village – Atwater Market**

**November 30 – December 23rd 2018**

Discover the 3rd edition of this four-weekend-long winter festival at the Place du Marché, between the Atwater Market and Lachine Canal. Features 70 exhibitors and many entertainment events that will immerse visitors of all ages in the magic of Christmas!

<https://www.noelmontreal.ca/>

### **Who is the Real Santa Claus – Pointe-a-Cailere Museum**

**December 15<sup>th</sup> to December 31th 2018.**

The annual event, "Who Is the Real Santa Claus" features holiday characters Befana, Saint Nicholas, Saint Lucy, and Santa Claus introducing children to how the holidays are celebrated in their respective homes.

<https://pacmusee.qc.ca/en/calendar/event/who-is-the-real-santa-claus/>

### **Treasures in the Attic – McCord Museum**

**December 16<sup>th</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

Everyone is invited to pop over to see the grandparents of twins William and Sara, as the attic of their house has a collection of toys from 1880 to today.

Filled with forgotten treasures, this attic has become a repository of memories of all the families who have lived in the house. Piles of boxes hold a rich and fascinating world where childhood is frozen in time and that have become the final resting place for GI Joe, Barbie, Mr. Potato Head, rocking horses, toboggans, stuffed animals, board games, old dolls, toy soldiers, furniture, books and photographs.

<http://www.musee-mccord.qc.ca/en>

### **Montréal Canadians Hockey**

**November 1, 2, 4, 13, 15, 17 2018 – Bell Centre**

Attending a hockey game in Montréal is the ultimate hockey experience. [www.centrebelle.ca](http://www.centrebelle.ca)



## **Concerts**

**Bell Center:** ([www.evenko.ca](http://www.evenko.ca))

**December 8**– Dave Matthews Band

**MTelus** ([www.montrealmetropolis.ca](http://www.montrealmetropolis.ca))

**December 1**– Playboi Carti

**December 8**– The Internet

**December 18**– Jorja Smith

**December 21, 22**– Rufus and Martha Wainright Noel Nights en famille