

ORCHESTRE CLASSIQUE DE MONTRÉAL



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THE OCM BENEFIT GALA 2021 HONOURING SHARON AZRIELI

Online silent auction open to the public starting June 8!

Montreal, June 1, 2021 – The **Orchestre classique de Montréal** (OCM) is inviting the public to the final event of its 82nd season, the annual **OCM benefit gala, on Tuesday, June 22 at 6 p.m.!** The gala will pay tribute to **Sharon Azrieli**, renowned Canadian singer, philanthropist and chair emeritus of the OCM board of directors. The event will take place in hybrid mode, on the outdoor patio of the Sofitel Hotel's Restaurant Renoir (health regulations permitting) as well as online.

The event is presented by **Richter**, and all proceeds will go to the OCM's endowment, a fund initiated by Sharon herself. The OCM has always been close to Sharon's heart. As board chair, she oversaw the establishment of the endowment to help ensure the orchestra's long-term success.

Hosted by well-known Quebec TV personality **Sonia Benzra**, a close friend of Sharon's, the gala will feature musical performances by Sharon Azrieli and friends. In-person attendees will be treated to an outdoor, socially distanced cocktail-dinner reception, while online participants will have a gourmet box and a bottle of wine from Renoir Restaurant delivered to their home.

An online auction will be open to the public starting on June 8. The many attractive prizes on offer include a magnificent painting called *CARMEN* by Marc Samson, a Club Med vacation, a week in a luxury condo for four people in Puerto Vallarta, jewelry by Kaufmann de Suisse, a bottle of 1976 Taittinger Champagne and much more!

Auction website: <https://www.mycause.bid/ocm/encan>

For more information on this event: <https://orchestre.ca/gala-2021/>

About the OCM

The **Orchestre Classique de Montréal** (OCM), previously known as the McGill Chamber Orchestra, was founded in 1939 by violinist, conductor, and composer Alexander Brott and his wife Lotte Brott. The OCM quickly became one of Canada's most established chamber orchestras, touring to five continents, recording extensively, and appearing regularly on radio and television. Now led by **Boris Brott**, OC, OQ, the elder son of Alexander and one of Canada's most internationally renowned conductors, the OCM is a vibrant, innovative, and flexible ensemble consisting of the city's best professional musicians. The OCM presents concerts throughout the year and is now in residence at the Salle Pierre-Mercure. Fulfilling its mission of celebrating diversity and inclusivity, the OCM has created the program **Music for Everyone** which enables collaborations with numerous new immigrant communities and Montreal organizations in making OCM's

performances accessible to all. The OCM proudly acknowledges **BMO Bank of Montreal** as its 2020-21 Season Presenter.

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