

Kids to get symphonic head-start with MCO

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Close to 40 students from Kateri and Karonhianónhna schools within the Encore!Sistema Quebec (ESQ) music program will perform at Oscar Peterson Hall this coming Sunday, March 31 as part of the Musique Française concert, organized by the McGill Chamber Orchestra (MCO).

ESQ is Quebec's independent organization dedicated to delivering extra-curricular music programs inspired by the worldwide El-Sistema movement of musical instruction, according to the ESQ website.

Theodora Stathopoulos, founder and director of the ESQ program, said they aim for social development and community connection through group musical activities.

"Every year we try to bring the students together with some professional musicians in a professional setting to be involved in a side-by-side concert, this means a collaboration with the professional performance where the children can be involved with," she said.

This year, in collaboration with the MCO under the direction of internationally-renowned conductor Boris Brott, the young players, from seven to 12 years old, will perform on their own as well as with the MCO, includ-



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ing a stirring "Habanera" from Carmen, with the invited soloist Sharon Azrieli.

"They are going to play by themselves at the beginning, to open up the concert, and then, at the end, kids will join the orchestra," Stathopoulos said.

It's an opportunity to collaborate with professionals and meet other children, and an opportunity to be seen and to be heard by others from other communities, she said.

"Kids are always very eager in participating these kinds of events," Stathopoulos said, "We have played other venues at the different churches, and of course at the church in Kahnawake, but with the MCO at Oscar Peterson Hall it is the first time."

"I have always been extremely impressed with the professionalism and level of support from the Kahnawake Education Center, particularly from Janice Beauvais, who is a coordinator

and a person I communicate with and who represents the community to us," Stathopoulos said.

Beauvais coordinates the ESQ program locally.

"With such a great music program there are lots of opportunities to our students; to play with the MCO is such a great experience for them. It is nice to perform in different places and different formats," she said.

Boris Brott, the MCO artistic director, said he is impressed

with how the El-Sistema program positively changes the lives of the young people.

"ESQ director Theodora Stathopoulos has been very responsible for bringing this movement to Montreal, Kahnawake and to poor communities," he said,

"She was looking for an opportunity for kids to work together with highly skilled professional musicians in a concert, which will highlight these young people. It'll also give them a sense of where they are heading in the future, what a potential is in playing those instruments (violins and cellos)."

"I think music makes a connection between your mind and your soul that nothing else can, it goes beyond the words and has enormous powers to give people self-respect," Brott said.

He thinks the ESQ program gives an opportunity for parents to see what their kids can possibly achieve by listening to the highly professional MCO group.

The orchestra, a vibrant ensemble of Montreal's best professional musicians, presents concerts throughout the year in the finest halls of the city and has toured widely, presenting concerts in 17 countries all over the world.

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