

Pianist STEPHANE LEMELIN on tour for Piano Plus in Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick

In a February 2006 classical music event that guarantees future tours in Quebec, pianist Stephane Lemelin launches his Piano Plus tour on Friday February 17 in the Montebello region.

He will perform and teach in Papineauville, VanKleek Hill, and Buckingham, before travelling to Moncton on February 21, finishing in Dalhousie, NB on Saturday, February 25. This will be M. Lemelin's first Piano Plus tour in his home province. In the past, he has brought the excitement of Piano Plus to three provinces: British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario.

The February '06 tour will officially launch at a major fundraising event at Montreal's Atwater Club on Tuesday, January 31st. M. Lemelin will be one of four distinguished performers at the gala soiree, together with pianist Andre Laplante, soprano Ann Monoyios, and the Artistic Director of Piano Plus, pianist Janina Fialkowska.

Piano Plus is the touring program of the Piano Six Foundation, which oversees a mandate to introduce or bring classical music to as many Canadian communities as possible, especially those that are under-served or remote. Canada's top classical musicians are our performing ambassadors. From 1993 to 2003, under the founding Artistic Directorship of Montreal pianist Janina Fialkowska, six of our country's most renowned musicians devoted 10 days per year to this highly successful mission. Piano Plus adds strings and voices to the roster of artists, broadening our reach to diverse audiences.

Canadian pianist Stephane Lemelin tours regularly in Canada and has given numerous performances in the United States, Europe and Asia. M. Lemelin has performed with most of Canada's major orchestras including the Montreal Symphony under Charles Dutoit. Recital engagements have included London's Wigmore Hall, the Phillips Collection in Washington, the Ladies Morning Musical Club in Montreal and the Vancouver Recital Society. Since the fall of 2003, he has been a member of Trio Hochelaga, and the artistic director of the Prince Edward

County Music Festival. He is currently Chair of the Department of Music at the University of Ottawa.

The tour has been booked by Regional Director Marie-Josée Bourgeois, a Quebec native with a distinguished background in public relations with Air Canada and 25 years of freelancing for various cultural organizations to promote theatre, music and cinema throughout Quebec. Ms. Bourgeois reports enthusiastic response from both presenters who are new to Piano Plus, and those who have presented these artists in the past. She has already solicited and received many invitations for our artists in various regions of Quebec for 06/07 and beyond.

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Visit us at www.pianoplus.ca, beginning January 31st, 2006.

Program for Stephane Lemelin on Tour

Ludwig van Beethoven	Sonate en fa majeur, opus 10 no 2 Allegro Allegretto Presto
Robert Schumann	Fantaisie en ut majeur, opus 17 Durchaus phantastisch und leidenschaftlich vorzutragen Mässig Langsam getragen
Franz Schubert	Sonate en sol majeur, D 894 Molto moderato e cantabile Andante Allegro moderato Allegretto

TOURNÉE 17-25 FÉVRIER 2006
QUÉBEC • ONTARIO • NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK
STÉPHANE LEMELIN, pianiste

9 janvier 2006

- 17 fév (ven) **Vankleek Hill (ON)**
Collegiate Institute Auditorium, (150 places, piano : Mason & Hamlin)
récital, 19h30, Auditorium VCI
- 18 fév (sam) **Vankleek Hill (ON)**
Auditorium VCI
classe de maître, 9h
- 18 fév (sam) **Papineauville (QB)**
École Louis-Joseph-Papineau Auditorium LJP (350 places)
récital, 20 heures
- 19 fév (dim) **Papineauville (QB)**
Auditorium LJP
classe de maître, 13h
- 21 fév (mar) **Buckingham (QB)**
Auditorium Hormisdas-Gamelin (450 places)
classe de maître, 10h
- 21 fév (mar) **Buckingham (QB)**
Auditorium Hormisdas-Gamelin (450 places)
récital-scolaire, 12h30 à 13h45
récital : 45 minutes et causerie : 30 minutes
- 22 fév (merc) **Moncton (NB)**
Auditorium du campus de l'université de Moncton (? places)
Récital 20h00 Stéphane Lemelin et le Quartet Arthur Leblanc
Captation de Radio-Canada à préciser
- 23 fév (jeudi) **Moncton (NB)**
Département de musique, Université de Moncton
Classe de maître, 15h00
- 24 fév (ven) **Dalhousie (NB)**
Théâtre LER, Dalhousie (495 places, piano : Bösendorfer)
Récital 20h00
- 25 fév (sam) **Dalhousie (NB)**
Gail Carleton Music Studio
Classe de maître, 10h00