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Segal Centre Kicks Off Its 2012-2013 Music Season

Presenting the best of jazz, classical and musical theatre

With *Guys and Dolls*, Ranee Lee, Socalled, Jorane, Lorraine Desmarais and many more!

Montreal, September 12, 2012 – After a stellar season launch that announced the best of theatre, music and dance, the Segal Centre for Performing Arts is proud to embark on its star-studded 2012-2013 music and theatre season. Here's a look at the richness to come this season:

Musical Theatre Fever

Opening the theatre season with the multiple Tony-award winning musical ***Guys and Dolls***, the ultimate Broadway classic of sex, love and redemption hits the Segal Centre mainstage with a cast of 24 explosive performers and some of Broadway's most unforgettable musical numbers. This lavish production directed by Diana Leblanc will be presented from **September 30th to October 28th** with French supertitles on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

Watch a trailer for *Guys and Dolls* [here](#).

The Queen of Gospel Mahalia Jackson lives on in the much-awaited world-premiere of ***The Mahalia Jackson Musical (March 3rd to March 24th, 2013)***, starring the incomparable **Ranee Lee** as the renowned musical figure and civil rights activist, accompanied by a live gospel choir. A co-production with Copia De Oro directed by Canadian musical theatre legend Roger Peace.

The Segal Centre closes its theatre season with a new Yiddish musical creation by pop-klezmer superstar **Josh Dolgin (aka Socalled)**, the mastermind behind the critically-acclaimed albums "Ghettoblaster" and 2011's "Sleepover." Produced by the award-winning Dora Wasserman Yiddish Theatre, ***Tales From Odessa*** is an exhilarating musical retelling of Jewish mob boss Benya Kirk's rise to power in the last days of the Russian Empire, based on the infamous stories of Russian author Isaak Babel. Playing from **June 16th to July 7th, 2013** on the Segal mainstage. Presented in Yiddish with English and French supertitles.

Music @ The Segal

The Segal music season is bigger and better than ever with five music series featuring many of Canada's most accomplished jazz and classical artists.

Power Jazz

Ranee Lee will also headline the ever-popular **Power Jazz Series**, which returns for a fifth season of rich and inspiring performances by some of Canada's favourite jazz musicians. The Order of Canada recipient and Juno-award winning vocalist will perform in the intimate surroundings of the Segal Studio on **October 14th at 8pm**.

The Andre White Quartet will perform the second concert of the series on **December 2nd at 8pm**, followed by a dual performance by the popular **Joe Sullivan Quintet** featuring celebrated jazz guitarist to Oscar Peterson **Lorne Lofsky** on **January 14th, 2013**.

Montreal's **Doxas Brothers** return to the Segal Centre on **January 20th**, with **Chet Doxas** on the saxophone and **Jim Doxas** on drums accompanied by pianist **Steve Amirault** and Montreal's premiere jazz trombonist **Jean-Nicholas Trottier**.

Highlights of the Power Jazz series also include back to back concerts by three of Canada's most accomplished female jazz musicians. Internationally recognized Quebec pianist **Lorraine Desmarais** will take to the stage on **February 17th** followed by dazzling solo performances by the Juno-ward winning songstress **Kellylee Evans (May 28th)** and the multitalented **Kim Richardson (March 24th)**.

One of the country's premiere violinists **Mark Fewer** and his Quartet are joined by **Jim Doxas**, Toronto bassist **Jim Vivian** and New York City's **John Novacek** on **April 14th** for a high-energy performance that blends classical and contemporary jazz with Montreal favourite **Taurey Butler** closing the series with a solo piano show on **May 13th, 2013**.

Women of the World

A mainstay of the Segal music season, the Women of the World series returns for a third year of electrifying performances in the intimate Segal Studio space. At home and abroad, the series continues to showcase the artistic and cultural richness that has given Montreal an international reputation on the music scene.

International jazz sensation **Jorane** will inaugurate the series on **January 24th, 2013**, followed by **Chloé Ste-Marie** on February 28th.

Canadian folk-favourite and three-time Juno award-winner **Connie Kaldor (April 11th)** and charismatic singer-songwriter **Ingrid St-Pierre (June 6th)** also headline the prestigious program.

Brand-new Indie Series

Energetic new-alt folk band **Zoë and the Lost Boys** inaugurate the all-new Indie Series on **October 3rd, 2012** in the Studio.

This four-concert series puts the spotlight on emerging Canadian artists who blend popular music genres such as folk, bluegrass, and jazz with their own personal influences.

Also on the program: Montreal singer-songwriter **Vivian Kaloxilos (December 5th, 2012)**, Indian/bluegrass violinist **Jaron Freeman-Fox** and **The Opposite of Everything (February 6th, 2013)** and celebrated Celtic flute player **Dave Gossage** on **February 27th, 2013**.

Classical Music at the Segal

Classical music has found a home at the Segal Centre studio with the popular **Bravo Series**, back for a second year to present some of the country's most reputable classical musicians. MSO flutist **Carolyn Christie** joins **Denis Bluteau** for a two-part concert featuring Claude Bolling's flute jazz suite on **December 9th, 2012**.

Lovers of violin are in for a treat when celebrated violinist **Kate Bevan-Baker** plays alongside all-female string quartet **Birds on a Wire** on **February 17th, 2012**. Fusing classical styles with celtic, bluegrass, rock and jazz sounds, this show promises to be a highlight of the music season.

Quebec group **Quasar Saxophone Quartet**, made up of André Leroux, Mathieu Leclair, Jean-Marc Bouchard, and Marie-Chantal Leclair, add a touch of contemporary to the Bravo series on **March 24th, 2013**.

The Segal Centre is proud to welcome **Musica Camerata Montréal** as resident company for a third year. Led by Luis Grinhauz and Berta Rosenohl, Musica Camerata is recognized as one of Canada's most renowned chamber music ensembles dedicated to promoting the music of Canadian and international composers.

To launch its 43rd season, Musica Camerata will pay tribute to **Jewish Composers** Julius Chajes, Richard Danielpour, Solomon Rosowsky and Steven Gellman on **December 2nd, 2012**.

For more information on the 2012-2013 Musica Camerata season, visit: www.camerata.ca/

Tickets for the Segal Centre's 2012-2013 season are on sale now. Call the Segal Centre Box Office at 514.739.7944 or visit www.segalcentre.org

About the Segal Centre for Performing Arts

The Segal Centre is a meeting place for all of the performing arts, showcasing the best professional artists from here and abroad and playing a leading role in the artistic development of Montreal's youth and the creation of its cultural legacy. Through theatre, music, dance, cinema and the Academy, the Segal Centre is setting a broad vision by recognizing the importance of building bridges through the arts and supporting multicultural projects in Montreal. The Centre's commitment is to ensure that creativity resonates within our community and that it remains accessible and inspiring each and every day, leading the performing arts world of tomorrow.

For more details on programming and artists, visit our site: www.segalcentre.org

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