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Jeunesses Musicales Canada presents
Songs of Life and Love

As part of the **2013-2014 Desjardins Concerts**, Jeunesses Musicales Canada (JMC) is proud to present soprano **Simone Osborne**, the inaugural winner of JMC's new **Maureen Forrester Award Tour**, accompanied by **Anne Larlee**, pianist. This tour will take the duo to many cities throughout Western Quebec and Ontario.

Jeunesses Musicales Canada is proud to present this new series of recitals in honour of the legendary Canadian contralto Maureen Forrester. An outstanding start for the soprano Simone Osborne, a rising star in the current opera scene! Originally from Vancouver, Simone has garnered critical acclaim and has received numerous prestigious awards. A romantic musical program featuring the celebrated song-cycle *A Woman's Love and Life* by Robert Schumann, plus some of the best loved melodies by Richard Strauss, Reynaldo Hahn and Vincenzo Bellini.

Press quotes (Simone Osborne)

"If I had to bet on anybody, I'd bet on Simone."

Marilyn Horne (WQRX Radio)

"a sweet and clear sound, sensitive phrasing and gleaming sustained high notes."

NY Times

"She looked every inch the diva, with stage presence to burn."

La Scena Musicale

"A joy to hear"

LA Times

Schedule :

November 10 th 2013	15:00	Théâtre Centennial, 2600 rue Collège, Sherbrooke, QC
November 12 th 2013	12:00	Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre, 145, Queen Street West, Toronto, ON
November 17 th 2013	19:00	Salle Anaïs-Allard-Rousseau, 1425 Place de l'Hôtel-de-Ville, Trois-Rivières, QC
November 21 st 2013	19:30	Midland Cultural Centre, 333 King Street, Midland, ON
November 23 rd 2013	19:30	Théâtre du Rift, 42, rue Sainte-Anne, Ville-Marie, QC
November 24 th 2013	14:00	Salle Félix-Leclerc, 600, 7 ^e rue, Val-d'Or, QC
November 26 th 2013	19:30	Théâtre du Cuivre, 145 rue Taschereau ouest, Rouyn-Noranda, QC
November 27 th 2013	19:30	Salle Desjardins - Polyvalente Polyno, 500 rue Principale sud, La Sarre, QC
November 28 th 2013	20:00	Théâtre des Eskers, 152, 14 ^e Avenue Est, Amos, QC
December 1 st 2013	14:00	Salle Alphonse-Desjardins du cégep B-A, 1055, 116 ^e Rue Est, Saint-Georges-de-Beauce, QC
December 6 th 2013	20:00	Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 425 Centre Street, Prescott, ON
December 8 th 2013	15:00	Salle Dussault- Polyvalente de Thetford Mines, 670, rue Lapierre, Thetford Mines, QC
January 9 th 2014	19:30	Salle Fernand-Graton - Conservatoire de musique de Gatineau, 430 Boulevard Alexandre-Taché, Gatineau, QC

Programme: :

Vincenzo BELLINI (1801-1835)

1. *Vaga Luna che inargenti*
2. *Vanne, o rosa fortunata*
3. *Per pietà, bell'idol moi*
4. *La ricordanza*

Robert SCHUMANN(1810-1856)

Frauenliebe und -Leben, opus 42

- Seit ich ihn gesehen
- Er, der Herrlichste von allen
- Ich kann's nicht fassen
- Du Ring an meinem Finger
- Helft mir, ihr Schwestern
- Süßer Freund, du blickest
- An meinem Herzen
- Nun hast du mir der ersten Schmerz getan

- INTERMISSION -

Brian CURRENT (Born in 1972)

Extreme Positions, text by : bpNichol (1944-1988))

Birefringence, text by : Christian Bök (born in 1966)

Works commissioned by Canadian Art Song Project

Reynaldo HAHN (1874- 1947)

1. *À Chloë*
2. *L'Énamourée*
3. *Fêtes galantes*

Richard STRAUSS (1864-1949)

1. *Die Nacht*, opus 10, n° 3
2. *Allerseelen*, opus 10, n° 8
3. *Zueignung*, opus 10, n° 1
4. *Morgen !*, opus 27, n° 4
5. *Cäcilie*, opus 27, n° 2

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