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## **Festival Montréal Baroque 2018 launches Hallelujah Handel!**

**Montreal (Quebec) March 30 2018** - From June 21st to 24th, the 16th edition of the Montreal Baroque Festival returns with Hallelujah Handel!, bringing the city to life with the sounds of baroque bonbons known and loved by all as well as unknown works by the great master and music that he would have heard down at the pub! Hallelujah Handel! will reflect Handel's flamboyant character with unique performances of rarely heard works performed in unusual settings.

For the first time in Montreal, *The Triumph of Time and Truth*, Handel's last oratorio will be heard with Ensemble Caprice, the German orchestra, L'Arte del Mondo, l'Ensemble vocal Arts-Québec, Shannon Mercer, Leandro Marziote et Charles Daniels, June 21, at Chapelle Notre-Dame – de-Bonsecours.

L'Arte del Mondo (Cologne) will join the festival for its Canadian début (June 22, Church of St John the Evangelist). The chamber opera *Acis and Galatea* with British star, Charles Daniels (23rd June, Agora des Sciences UQAM) and a staged grand ball with *Apollo and Daphne* directed by Marie-Nathalie Lacoursière (June 24th, Agora des Sciences UQAM) are but a few of the concerts on the Festival menu!

As well as Handel's own compositions, you'll be able to hear Irish, Welsh and Scottish, toe-tapping folk music of the period in concert with Charles Daniels and Les Voix Humaines, La Cigale and at many of the free outdoor concerts throughout the festival (Phillip' Square and Square Chabot).

This year's local star will be the prize-winning young baroque harpist, Antoine Malette-Chénier who will be featured in Handel's beloved harp concerto (June 23rd, Agora des Science - with *Acis and Galatea*) he will also be featured with Les Voix Humaines and Charles Daniels, June 22 (Rotunda MAC Museum).

Everyone will gather at the Festival café to drink and make merry after hours at the MAC restaurant where amateurs, students and pros will jam together on an open stage! For more details consult the Festival website: <https://www.montrealbaroque.com/> Follow us on Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/montrealbaroque/>

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