

**OFF Jazz Festival unveils its program:
Come discover the all-new edition, from the 1st through the 3rd of October 2020!**

Montreal, September 8, 2020 – OFF Jazz Festival (The OFF Jazz) is back for an all-new 21st edition, which will take place from the **1st through the 3rd of October 2020**. A not-to-be-missed fall event for jazz fans, this year the festival offers a hybrid format that puts local artists in the limelight.

A hybrid format : what is that?

The current situation has compelled the **OFF Jazz** to develop a **new format** for its 21st edition. Government policy now allows for small crowds to gather in venues. It is therefore at the **Cabaret Lion d'Or** and at the **Bourgie Hall** that the festival will hang its hat, inviting festival-goers to discover evenings of exceptional jazz.

Given that the capacity for venues has been reduced, in order to comply with social distancing measures, festival goers who cannot attend the concerts in a physical manner will be able to attend them online. Indeed, the majority of the shows will be **broadcasted live and free of charge via Facebook live** on the OFF Jazz page.

PROGRAM

A concert presented exclusively in-venue – Bourgie Hall of Montreal Museum of fine-arts

LEX FRENCH QUINTET

Thursday October 1 at 6:00PM

Presented by the Bourgie Hall as part of The OFF Jazz

As announced at the beginning of August, kicking-off this 21st edition of the OFF Jazz will be the concert, **Lex French Quintet** at the **Bourgie Hall**. When he takes the stage, the trumpet player **Lex French** draws inspiration from various folk music traditions from around the world, including songs from his native New Zealand, in order to create a new jazz repertoire.

\$34 (regular price) – 29 \$ (members of the museum) – 18 \$ (34 years old and younger)

Reservation of tickets [online](#), by telephone or in person at the museum ticket office during opening hours.

In-venue concerts presented at the Cabaret Lion d'Or and broadcasted live on Facebook*

* Cabaret Lion d'Or – 85 people maximum, mask compulsory

GENTIANE MG TRIO**Friday October 2 at 6:00PM**

After a highly-successful first album which earned her the distinction, “Révélation Radio-Canada jazz 2018-2019”, **Gentiane MG** will invite us to discover her second opus, *Wonderland* in a trio format. Very active on the Canadian jazz scene over the past several years, she is back once again, alongside **Levi Dover** and **Louis-Vincent Hamel**, her long standing partners-in-crime. She will dazzle us with her personal compositions in a musical landscape that leaves room for imagination and improvisation.

Tickets*: \$12 (students) – \$20 (65 and up) – 25 \$ (regular price) * Please note that the prices do not include service charges

SIMON LEGAULT TRIO**Friday October 2 at 9:00PM**

Simon Legault will present his compositions featured on his most recent album, *Liminal Spaces*, recorded in a trio format with his accomplices **Adrian Vedady** on the bass and **Michel Lambert** on the drums. This first collaboration of the trio shines the spotlight on the subtle and profound playing of the guitarist, as well as the tangible chemistry between the musicians.

Tickets*: \$12 (students) – \$20 (65 and up) – 25 \$ (regular price) * Please note that the prices do not include service charges

CARTE BLANCHE TO SIENNA DAHLEN – “DÓTTIR & AMIES”**Saturday October 3 at 6:00PM**

For this 21st edition, the OFF Jazz dedicated a *Carte Blanche* evening to the Montreal artist **Sienna Dahlen**. The exceptional singer, pianist and composer will present “*Dóttir & Amies*”, a nu jazz project with the sonic artist **Véro Marengère**, as well as with other guest musicians. In this concert, which celebrates the launch of the project's first album, crystal-clear voices dance along in audacious and intriguing sonic landscapes. This musical universe

promises to be dark, surprising and spellbinding.

Tickets*: \$12 (students) – \$20 (65 and up) – 25 \$ (regular price) * Please note that the prices do not include service charges

LAWFUL CITIZEN**Saturday October 3 at 9:00PM**

Presented by CHOQ

Last but not least, the quartet **Lawful Citizen**, with its blend of jazz that merges the worlds of electronica, heavy metal and acoustic music, will bring an explosive touch to the evening, thereby wrapping up this 21st edition in a stellar fashion. Helmed by the saxophonist **Evan Shay**, the band was founded in 2015. A few years later, it launched its first album, *Internal Combustion*. In a journey crossing the spectrum of human emotions, the quartet oscillates between subtle beauty and inexorable fury, carried along by the sensitivity, as well as the musicality, of the young musicians that make up its ranks. A unique and innovative sensory experience to be discovered!

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ABOUT THE OFF Jazz

For more than 20 years, the OFF Jazz has been supporting, developing and raising the profile of Quebec and Canadian musicians working in the jazz scene. Created in 2000 by passionate musicians, the festival was founded with the explicit goal of allowing artists to present their music in the best conditions possible. It offers a program that features original music and that allows for an exceptional access to creative music.

Evening Packages are available* (two concerts):

\$20 (students) – \$35 (65 and up) – \$45 (regular price) * Please note that the prices do not include service charges

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