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Les Percussions de Strasbourg
50th Anniversary Tour
February 28, 2011

For immediate release

Montreal, February 7, 2011 – The *Schulich School of Music* and *Innovations en concert* are teaming up to bring *Les Percussions de Strasbourg* to Montreal, for their **first appearance here since November 2000**.

In Pollack Hall on February 28 at 8:00 p.m., they will perform a thrilling and diverse program, featuring Gérard Grisey's *Tempus ex Machina*, and three Montreal premieres: Andrew Staniland's *Hex*, Philippe Manoury's *Livre des claviers*, and Yoshihisa Taïra's *Hierophonie V*, each a commissioned work. Canadian composer Andrew Staniland's piece was commissioned by the ensemble especially for their current tour.

Under the leadership of artistic director Jean-Paul Bernard, the ensemble brings us this concert in celebration of their 50th anniversary. The six-member ensemble has commissioned hundreds of works, premiered over 250, and has forged the tradition of classical percussion repertoire as it is known today.

The first Western professional percussion ensemble, *Les Percussions de Strasbourg* are currently on a six-week tour of North America, performing in Boston, Montreal, Albany, Toronto, San Francisco, Seattle and New York.

While in Montreal, *Les Percussions de Strasbourg* will also lead a free and open-to-the-public masterclass, featuring students in the percussion program of the Schulich School of Music on March 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in Tanna Schulich Hall.

Concert Tickets: \$20/\$10

Box Office: 514.398.4547 (reservations and information)

Concert location: Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke Street West, metro McGill

Masterclass location: Tanna Schulich Hall, 527 Sherbrooke Street West, metro McGill

More information: www.mcgill.ca/music/events; www.innconcert.ca; www.percussionsdestrasbourg.com

A co-presentation of the Schulich School of Music and Innovation en concert.

The Box office, located in the Pollack Hall lobby, is open from 12 noon to 6 pm Monday to Friday, and one hour before each performance. Tickets are also available by phone at 514.398.4547

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