

# Jean-Sébastien Roy

## Violin

### Prairie Debut Tour 2009-2010



#### **Programme**

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*Violin: Jean-Sébastien Roy*

*Piano: Mathieu Gaudet*

These two wonderful young musicians, violinist Jean-Sébastien Roy and pianist Mathieu Gaudet, have prepared a marvellous programme that includes works from the classical violin and piano repertoire by composers such as Mathieu, Suk, Bloch and Beethoven. The Roy/Gaudet Duo enchants audiences with their outstanding artistry and seamless chamber musicianship.

(Programme subject to change)

## Jean-Sébastien Roy, violin

Jean-Sébastien Roy was laureate of the prestigious **Prix d'Europe 2006** and winner of the **Prix Joseph Rouleau** at the **Montreal International Music Competition** in 2003 and again in 2006. He studied at the Conservatoire de Musique de

Montréal where he won the **First Prize** with Great distinction in 2002. In 2004, he was admitted to the Cleveland Institute of Music, in Paul Kantor's class, where he obtained a Professional Studies Degree in 2006.

During his young career, Jean-Sébastien received many top prizes, from the Music Competition in Canada, the Cleveland Institute of Music Competition and the OSM competition in 2004, among many. In May 2005, he was a finalist at the prestigious Michael Hill International Violin Competition in New Zealand.

Jean-Sébastien Roy was invited to perform as a soloist with various orchestras, including Ensemble Amati, the Cleveland Institute of Music Symphony Orchestra, Sinfonia de Lanaudière, Orchestre Symphonique de Trois-Rivières, La Sinfonia de Montréal, Orchestre Métropolitain and Les Violons du Roy. Jean-Sébastien Roy has been heard in recital in several cities in Canada, in United States, in Germany, in the United Kingdom, in France and in Polynesia. In 2007, he was selected by the Conseil québécois de la musique to perform a recital during the international exhibition "MUSICORA" at the Carrousel du Louvre, in Paris. He also participated in several festivals, including the prestigious Lanaudière International Music Festival (QC), the Lachine Music Festival (QC) and the Chamber Music Festival in Sainte-Pétronille (Canada). In addition, Jean-Sébastien can be heard regularly on CBC and Espace Musique in Canada.

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## Mathieu Gaudet piano

Canadian pianist **Mathieu Gaudet** is quickly establishing himself in the musical world for his passionate interpretations and virtuoso technique. Since his acclaimed début in Baltimore, USA with Brahms' Piano Concerto No 2, he has become much in demand as a soloist, accompanist and chamber musician.

Born in 1977, Mr. Gaudet studied piano in both Canada and in USA with such renowned figures as Julian Martin, Marc Durand, André Laplante and John Perry. His many awards include First Prize at the 2000 **Glenn Gould School Competition** (Toronto) and **Harrison Winters Competition** (Baltimore), as well as semi-finalist in the 2004 **Montréal International Piano Competition**, during which the celebrated French pianist Jean-Phillipe Collard praised his musical honesty and conviction. Since then, he has appeared throughout North America and is frequently heard on radio and television broadcasts. He is the co-founder of Gros Morne Summer Music, a highly successful concert series in Newfoundland, Canada.

In 2007, Mr Gaudet received his Doctorate in Piano Performance at the *Université de Montréal*, where he studied with Paul Stewart. His spectacular performance of the complete 24 Preludes by Rachmaninoff was later recorded on a CD scheduled to be released in November 2008.

In addition to his busy musical life, Mathieu Gaudet is studying medicine at *Université de Montréal*. He is much involved in international cooperation, social justice and environmental causes, and has volunteered his services as a doctor-in-training in Kenya, Africa, and in Northern Canada with the Inuit People.



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