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### A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### 2015 Federal elections: I VOTE FOR ARTS & CULTURE



Dear GMMQ members,

From now on, I will write in the *Cyberbulletin* to comment on major political and economic issues regarding arts, culture and your career as professional musician. Let's start with the Federal elections which will take place in 25 days. It is essential to exercise your right to vote, and even to "Vote for Arts". Unfortunately, Culture is not a prominent issue in this campaign even if it is a crucial issue in our society as it

shapes our identity. I invite you to be kept informed about cultural policies proposed by political parties.

The Canadian Arts Coalition has contacted all the major parties running in the 2015 Federal Election with important questions about the future of the arts in Canada regarding : supporting to the Canada Council for the Arts; the Arts on the International Stage; Protecting and Disseminating Canadian Digital Content; Supporting the Canadian Broadcasting Company. [Visit their website to read the answers](#)

Moreover, some important informations are available on the [Canadian Conference of the Arts' Facebook page](#). I am also pleased to announce that the Canadian Conference of the Arts' Board of Directors, of which I am a member, decided to reactivate the organization in order to provide information during the current federal election.

Even if the CCA had to suspend its activities in 2012 because of major financial cuts from the federal government, the organization is still alive. The CCA's Board is convinced that federal election is such an important issue that it needs to get

involved.



Luc Fortin

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members **Hamza Abouabdelmajid, Claudia Asselin, Julien Bélanger, Guillaume Bourque, Francesca Comeau, Steven Cope, Germain Gauthier, Gabriel Hélie-Harvey, David Lachapelle, Dominic Lalonde, Mathieu Langevin, Olivier Laroche, Gabrielle Richard, Gabrielle Roy-Lemay, Hugo St-Georges et Sabrina Tremblay**, all of whom joined the GMMQ in August 2015.

For any request regarding the Member Services, please contact Amélie Granger at [514 842-2866](tel:5148422866), extension 245 or [1 800 363-6688](tel:18003636688), extension 245 or by email at [membres@gmmq.com](mailto:membres@gmmq.com).

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## NEWS

### IMPORTANT! NEW TIME DELAY FOR P2 PROCESSING



United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is experiencing a significant processing backlog which is also causing Canadian Federation of musicians (CFM) office a backlog.

**Processing times: 75 DAYS**

If you are sending in a P2 package to the CFM office, **please send them AT LEAST 75 DAYS** before your first show.

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## ATTEND THE WEBINAR/VIDEO CONFERENCE OF THE MUSICIANS' PENSION FUND OF CANADA



Musicians' Pension Fund of Canada  
Caisse de retraite des musiciens du Canada

Quebec Bill 34 - An Act to amend the Supplement Pension Plans Act with respect to the funding and restructuring of certain multi-employer pension plans. [Read the Bill 34](#) (in French)

**On October 5, 2015, the Fund is hosting an important webinar/video conference to explain and discuss details of Bill 34**, which was adopted on April 2, 2015 and is effective as of December 31, 2014. These new provisions are now incorporated into Quebec's main pension legislation, the Supplemental Pension Plan Act.

Members and pensioners who work, have worked, or plan to work in the province of Quebec, as well as their beneficiaries, may be affected by these new legislative provisions and are encouraged to participate in this event.

If you are unable to attend or participate on October 5 the webinar / videoconference will be posted to the Fund's website.

Our main presenters are Ms. Tina Hobday, Quebec counsel to the Fund and Ms. Geneviève Lussier, actuary with the Segal Company, Ltd. Fund office staff will also be present. Mr. Bernard LeBlanc will be our moderator.

We will provide a review of Bill 34 along with an explanation of how it may affect you. Interested parties can attend in person or follow the webinar/video conference online :

- on the Fund's website : [www.mpfcanada.ca](http://www.mpfcanada.ca)
- attend in person : Delta Montreal (Vivaldi room), 745 President Kennedy Ave., Montreal

**French presentation will be at 11:00AM - English presentation will be at 2:00PM**

If you have any question about this event, please contact the MPF at 1-888-462-6666 (Toll Free).

## **2015 FEDERAL ELECTION : FEDERAL PARTIES' POSITIONS ON ARTS AND CULTURE**

The DAMIC (copyright multimedia web), of which the GMMQ is a member, recently submitted its requests on cultural matters to the various political parties before the federal elections on October 19 :

- Amend the *Copyright Act* in order to create a real balance between creators and users of their works while ensuring Canadian law provisions are in tune

with international best practices.

- Ensure that Canadian contents can be found on every technological platforms available in Canada while ensuring a fair remuneration of its creators.
- Implement measures to optimize the influence of creators by integrating the arts in the construction projects of buildings or urban planning.
- Amend the provisions of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* to protect the rights of creators and to standardize with the provisions of the *Loi sur le statut professionnel et les conditions d'engagement des artistes de la scène, du disque et du cinéma* and of the *Loi sur le statut professionnel des artistes des arts visuels, des métiers d'art et de la littérature et sur leurs contrats avec les diffuseurs*.

Let's hope that the political parties will listen to our requests.

By then the Canadian Arts Coalition has put together a toolkit #ARTSVOTE for artists and arts organizations to be ready for the election.

[Visit their website to discover the kit](#)

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS!



The GMMQ wishes to congratulate its members who won Géméaux Awards during the Soirée des Artisans et du documentaire on September 18 :

- Best original score : fiction  
**Frédéric Bégin** for "Le Berceau des anges"
- Best original score : documentaire  
**Alex McMahon** pour "Anticosti : la chasse au pétrole extrême"
- Best music theme : all categories  
**Nicolas Maranda** for 19-2, episode 25

[Read the complete list of winners](#)

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## NEW ON GMMQ WEBSITE!

When they login the GMMQ website (GMMQ members has a username and password), GMMQ members has now access to the following information:

- **calendar and list of upcoming events** : you get informations about the upcoming GMMQ general meetings or negotiation meetings, conferences and events, etc.
- **Minutes of General meetings and 2012-2014 Activity Report**

If you have lost your informations to login, please contact Amélie Granger at Member Services at 514 842-2866 #245 or 1 800 363-6688 #245 (toll free) or by email at [membres@gmmq.com](mailto:membres@gmmq.com)

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## EVENTS

### CONFERENCE ON U.S. IVORY BAN



The US rules of traveling with an instrument containing parts of endangered species (ivory, Brazilian rosewood, tortoiseshell...) are extremely regulated. On September 17, the OSM organized a conference on this issue for all GMMQ members.

On this occasion, a speaker from Environnement Canada made a presentation regarding the rules in order to travel with instruments.

**DID YOU KNOW** that more than 35,000 species of animals and plants are protected (varying degrees of protection) by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) ?

For more information, [visit the CITES' website](#)

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### OFF JAZZ FESTIVAL IS BACK FROM OCTOBER 1ST TO 10

Once again the GMMQ is very proud to be a partner of the OFF JAZZ festival which will take place from October 1st to 10.

Luc Fortin will reward a musician or a band who has particularly distinguished himself during the festival with the François-Marcaurette / GMMQ Award.

**SPECIAL OFFER!** GMMQ members get a discount on tickets to attend concerts



during the **OFF JAZZ Festival**. Enjoy this event !

More information : [www.loffestivaldejazz.com](http://www.loffestivaldejazz.com)

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## MEMBER DISCOUNTS

We invite you to discover some new discounts available to GMMQ members (upon presentation of your membership card) offered by our partners.

*For more details about member discounts available and to get promotional codes, please login your member access on [www.gmmq.com](http://www.gmmq.com).*

## ENTERTAINMENT

- [OFF JAZZ](#): Preferential rates on tickets, passport and package to attend concerts during the festival (October 1st to 10)

The GMMQ negotiates preferential rates with various partners (accommodation, health, music, entertainment, services, transport...) to enable its members to enjoy many benefits on services. **Upon presentation of their GMMQ member card, you can take advantage of the discounts offered by our partners.** The list of all discounts is available on our website [www.gmmq.com](http://www.gmmq.com) (members access).

Your suggestion will be appreciated! For which products or services would you like to have discounts?

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## GRANTS AND CALL FOR PROJECTS

### CALLS FOR PROJECTS

**Diversité Artistique Montréal (DAM)**

[Mentorat artistique professionnel : appel à mentors](#)

Deadline : anytime

**AWARDS****Fernand-Lindsay Foundation:**

[Fernand-Lindsay Career Award](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2015

**GRANTS****Conseil des arts de Montréal**

[Touring Program](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2015

**CALQ and Culture Montréal**

[Prix du CALQ - Work of an emerging Artist in Montreal in 2015](#)

Deadline : September 30, 2015

**Patrimoine canadien**

[Canada Arts Presentation Fund](#)

Deadline : September 30, 2015

**CALQ and Culture Montreal:**

[CALQ Prize - Work for an emerging artist in Montreal in 2015](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2015

**Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec (CALQ):**

[Support for creation and production projects](#)

Deadline : October 1st, 2015

**Canada Council for the Arts**

[Music : Production Grants](#)

Deadline : October 1st, 2015

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**AUDITIONS, JOBS OFFERS AND COMPETITIONS****AUDITION & JOB OFFERS**

**École de musique Suzie Auclair** : professeur de piano

Deadline : urgent

**Commission scolaire de Saint-Hyacinthe** : enseignants en musique

Deadline : none

**Orchestre symphonique de Montréal (OSM)** : Viola Associate

Deadline : October 30, 2015

Date of audition : December 6, 2015

**Orchestre symphonique de Montréal (OSM)** : Second violins, 2nd Assistant

Deadline : October 30, 2015

Date of audition : December 7, 2015

**Orchestre symphonique de Trois-Rivières (OSTR)** : 3rd Horn

Deadline : October 17, 2015

Date of audition : October 31, 2015

**Orchestre symphonique de Trois-Rivières (OSTR)** : Principal Percussion

Deadline : October 17, 2015

Date of audition : October 31, 2015

**Orchestre symphonique de Trois-Rivières (OSTR)** : 2nd Oboe and English Horn

Deadline : October 17, 2015

Date of audition : October 31, 2015

### **COMPETITION or CONTEST**

**Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal:**

[OSM Manulife Competition : piano & percussion](#)

Deadline : October 1st, 2015

[Eckhardt-Gramatté National Music Competition](#)

Deadline : November 15, 2015

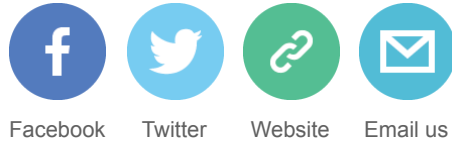
*Notices of audition and job offers are available on our website (members access) [www.gmmq.com](http://www.gmmq.com), in the "auditions and job offers" section. If you forgot, vous pouvez communiquer your password to login, please contact the Members services at 514 842-2866 #245 or 1 800-363-6688 (toll free).*

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