

Maison d'Opéra et de Concerts closes season with classical guitarist

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The Maison d'Opéra et de Concerts de Sherbrooke is presenting its final concert of the 2016-2017 season with classical guitarist Thierry Bégin-L., at Plymouth Trinity Church on Sunday, April 30th, 2017, at 3:00. p.m.

Thierry Bégin-L. performs complex repertoire with amazing ease, showcasing each particular style with sensibility, refined sound and a polished technique. His original interpretations have thrilled audiences and critics alike.

Born in Cowansville some thirty years ago, Bégin-L grew up in a family of musicians. His mother was a pianist and accompanist and his father played saxophone. He studied violin, piano and voice before choosing the guitar as his instrument at the age of 12.

With exceptional technique and interpretive ability, he began his career as

a performing artist and studied with Alvaro Pierri and received his Master's degree from Laval University.

Since 2013, he has competed in several national and international competitions, winning first prize and the public's choice award at the Jose Tomas de Petrer, Elx, and Coria competitions, in 2013, the first prize at the Nicolas Alfonso international competition in 2014 as well as several international competitions around the world:

Tickets for this exceptional show may be purchased at the door of Plymouth-Trinity Church, 380 Dufferin Street, on the day of the concert. General admission is \$35, 25 years and younger, \$15; 65 years and over, \$30, children 12 years and younger are free. See the website www.maisondoperaconcerts.com to purchase tickets in advance. For programming information, reservations or interview



FACEBOOK

My first real conversation with my great grandma

By Mable Hastings

My nephew and his wife recently had a baby that they named, Isabella Marie. Isabella is another in a long line of great grandchildren (four generations) for my mother, Clarissa Davis who even has some great grandchildren! As I watched my mother conversing with Miss Isabella over the Easter holiday, I realized that both Mom and Isabella were finding a way to communicate through a language that we mere mortals will likely never understand.

With close to 88 years between them, I suspect that they were talking as follows...

Isabella: Please don't drop me Great Grandma

Great Grandma: Don't worry, I say that same exact thing when they help me along with my walker and nobody's dropped me yet. I got ya!

Isabella: I'm hungry again, how about you Great Grandma?

Great Grandma: Sure am but unless one of us starts screaming, it doesn't look like anyone is in too much of a hurry to feed us!

Isabella: Grandma, I think I just pooped my pants

Great Grandma: Me too. Give it a minute, someone will notice.

Isabella: Great Grandma, it sure is nice to get to see you

Great Grandma: Same here kiddo...I've been waiting for you and you know what? You were worth the wait!

Isabella: Great Grandma, I hope you get to hold me for a long time

Great Grandma:

I will always be holding you little one, long after I'm gone.

I will be the words you hear in life like a familiar song.

I will hold you as you learn to take your first steps and fall.

I will hold you when a friend excludes from the game and steals the ball.

I will hold you when a boy cruelly breaks your heart.

I will hold you on your wedding day just before the nuptials start.

I will hold you little one when you yourself are giving birth.

Yes, I will always be the voice in the wind that reminds you exactly what you're worth.

You are me and I am you, that's the way it is.

We hold on to each other for as long as we both live.

Isabella: What about after you are gone Great Grandma?

Great Grandma: I plan on holding you forever little one and forever is "really long."

Isabella: Great Grandma?

Great Grandma: Yes Isabella

Isabella: Please stick around until I can hold you back, okay?



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Isabella Marie and her Great Great Grandmother, The late, Clarissa Davis

Great Grandma: I'm working on it kiddo!

And as we all sat around the dining room table wondering what my Mom was thinking as she and Isabella silently exchanged, we never could have imagined or begin to understand the conversation held in silence when your Great

Grandma holds your hand.

My Mom: Isabella's Great Grandmother died a year a half ago. This story was written a few months before my Mom died.

It was a magical moment. Every Easter I am reminded of that day and the special bond between family.

Excessive speed costs Ascot Corner driver

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A motorist from Ascot Corner was fined a total of over \$1,500 for driving at over 150 km / h in a 90 km / h zone on Thursday and crossing a continuous double line in a curve on Route 143 in Cleveland.

The Sûreté du Québec were able to capture the man after he turned onto a

dead-end road.

The driver was fined \$1,221 and issued 14 demerit points for excessive speeding and another \$311 and 3 demerit points for crossing a continuous double line.

His vehicle was also seized and his driver's license suspended 30 days, as this was not his first offense for excessive speed.



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