



Montreal Academy of Music

## STARFEST 2010

### The Infinite World of Music!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Concert Date: Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE WITH PAYMENT DUE MONDAY, MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

### DAYTIME CONCERTS

(Starting at 10:00 am Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>)

- Open to all students! All Levels!
- Registration Fee: \$20.00 per student
  - (Family Package: \$15.00 per additional student in the same family)
- REGISTRATION INCLUDES:
  - Opportunity to perform at the Place des Arts in the Cinquième Salle
  - Access to **all** daytime concerts
  - Access to **all** festival displays
  - Free gifts courtesy of our sponsors and partners!

### EVENING CONCERT

(7:00 pm Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>)

- Open to Advanced Students **ONLY** upon recommendation of their teacher
- Registration Fee: \$30.00 per student
- REGISTRATION INCLUDES:
  - 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary theme!
  - Opportunity to perform at the Place des Arts in the Cinquième Salle
  - All live accompaniment- no karaoke!
  - Access to **all** daytime concerts
  - Access to **all** festival displays
  - Free gifts courtesy of our sponsors and partners!
  - Optional **full backing band** accompaniment! (additional fee)

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**STARFEST 2010 FAQ**



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**Q:** What is StarFest 2010 – The Infinite World of Music?

**A:** Taking place at the Cinquième Salle of Place des Arts, StarFest is a concert series organized by the Montreal Academy of Music that provides an opportunity for students of the Academy at all levels to perform in a real performance but low pressure environment. It is a great **learning experience** and provides a focal point for one's continuing musical development.

StarFest can be thought of as a recital- a chance to perfect a piece and prepare it for performance quality. The concert can provide students with a sense of accomplishment, heightened confidence, and will allow them to see the results of their diligent practice. They'll also get to hear other students perform.

**Q:** What are the dates/times for StarFest 2010?

**A:** StarFest will occur on **Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**. For beginner and intermediate students, there will be multiple morning and afternoon concerts on Sunday, starting at 10am. For Advanced Students ONLY, there will be one Evening Concert at 7:30pm on Sunday. Exact times will be finalized once we know the exact number of participants. If you have limited availability on this date, please be sure to specify this on the registration form. In the event that there are too many participants to be fit into one day, additional concerts will be scheduled for the evening of Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Q:** What are the registration fees for performers/students at StarFest 2010?

**A:** \$20 for one student for a Daytime Concert, \$15 each additional student from the same family. \$30 for each student for the Evening Concert. Registration to any concert gives access to all the Daytime Concerts.

For **karaoke**, there is no charge if you provide your own karaoke track (subject to Academy approval). The Academy can provide it for you for \$30.00, but there is a \$15.00 charge for studio time if the requested song is not in the original key. The karaoke option is NOT available for the Evening Concert.

For **live accompaniment**, a solo pianist or guitarist is available for \$45.00, including one rehearsal. There is a \$10.00 additional fee if no chart/score of the piece is provided to the Accompanist in the desired performance key as the Accompanist must then purchase and/or transcribe their own chart.

Finally, the **live 4-piece backing band** option is available only to Advanced Students in the Evening Concert, for \$85.00. This includes the price of an arrangement/chart for your piece, in the key of your choice, and one rehearsal with the full band. Additional rehearsal time is available for \$50.00.

Here are all the fees summarized in table form:

Daytime Concert Registration (1 student)	\$20.00
Daytime Concert Registration (additional students from same family)	\$15.00
Evening Concert Registration (advanced students only)	\$30.00

Karaoke (student-provided)	\$0.00
Karaoke (Academy-provided)	\$30.00
Karaoke Key Change	\$15.00
Live Solo Accompaniment (guitar or piano)	\$45.00
Chart/Score for Solo Accompaniment	\$10.00
Live Backing Band (4-piece band, including 15min rehearsal)	\$85.00
Additional rehearsal with Live Backing Band (additional 15mins)	\$50.00

Please note that the price of renting the PDA has risen, hence the higher registration fees this year. Also, for those wondering about the seemingly high fee for full band accompaniment, please note that charts/arrangements are prepared in advance for the band and that the band is composed of extremely high-caliber, professional musicians. In fact, the Academy additionally contributes towards their fee in addition to the amount represented by the student's fee. Although the fee paid by the student might seem expensive, one could never hire a professional 4-piece ensemble of this caliber for a rehearsal and performance for such a low price!

**Q:** Who should cheques be made out to?

**A:** Cheques should be made out to **Montreal Academy of Music**. Please write the student's name in the "memo" field.

**Q:** How about non-cheque payment?

**A:** You can give your teacher the registration fee directly in cash, and your teacher will make a cheque out to the Academy on your behalf. You may also pay by credit card, assuming you have a valid credit card number on file with the Academy. Ask your teacher to mark down the payment method as "CC" on the Registration form. **All payments** must be submitted **with** registration and accompaniment forms before **March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010**.

**Q:** What are the ticket fees for spectators at StarFest 2010?

**A:** We are not yet certain, depending on the cost of the halls, engineers, etc. In past years it was \$10/spectator for the Daytime Concerts and \$20/spectator for Evening Concerts but this is **not confirmed**. These will be made available via the Place-des-Arts ticket booth.

**Q:** What's the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Infinite World of Music theme all about?

**A:** This year's Starfest marks the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Montreal Academy of Music. The Evening Concert (Advanced Students only) theme will be classics from 15 years ago and older (1995 and earlier) in any genre (jazz, classical, Broadway, world, etc), and we encourage all participating students to pick a piece reflecting this theme. The Daytime Concerts are not affected.

**Q:** I am Advanced Student and am accustomed to performing with a karaoke backing track. Can I still perform in the Evening Concert?

**A:** This year, to keep the performance level high for the Evening Concert, karaoke playalong tracks will NOT be permitted. You may choose to perform accompanied with a live guitarist or pianist or the live full backing band option. Or, if you play an instrument, you may choose to self-accompany. Learning to work with live musicians is an essential skill and will teach you all about the interactive nature of live music! If you absolutely must have a karaoke backing track, you may participate in the Daytime Concerts with one.

**Q:** What instruments/gear will be available at the venue?

**A:** A grand piano, an amp for guitarists, wired microphones for vocalists (or acoustic instrumentalists), and drum kit will be available.

**Q:** So I want to participate- what do I have to do?

**A:** Let your teacher know and he/she will sign you up and together you'll decide on a piece to prepare for the concert. If you need accompaniment in the form of a recording or a live accompanist, this can be arranged as well. A full backing band accompaniment option is available for Evening Concert (Advanced Students) only! Ask your teacher for further details. It is your teacher's responsibility to fill and send in the registration form for your participation in Starfest.

**Q:** What is the « full backing band » accompaniment option?

**A:** Advanced Students participating in the Evening Concert will have the option of a **full 4-piece backing band** accompaniment option. The band consists of keyboards, guitar, bass, and drums, and the option includes one rehearsal with the band. A fantastic learning experience and great way to take one's performance to the next level!

**Q:** I am a student or parent of one and would love to volunteer to help out. How do i do so?

**A:** Thank you! Your help and support is greatly appreciated. Let your Teacher know and he/she will put you in touch with the **StarFest Coordinator**. If you can volunteer and help us with your time, sponsor with your company, and/or help with food/snacks, it would be greatly appreciated!

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