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Instruments of Happiness and Tim Brady - Season 2024 – 2025

Tim Brady, artistic director of Instruments of Happiness, is pleased to announce the 2024 – 2025 season of events. The season includes a new album, 2 intimate solo guitar performances, a US premiere in Baltimore, and a truly epic performance of its signature 100 guitar project – a new 45-minute work for 100 electric guitars, six percussionists and full symphony orchestra.

Tim Brady launched his most recent album – “Imagine Many Guitars” on Sept. 27, 2024 on Redshift Records. The album features recent works for 8 guitars and 12 voices (“This one is broken in pieces: Symphony #11”), 20 guitars (“Slow/Simple”), 4 guitars (“Five Times: four guitars”) and the first recording of a solo guitar work from 1979 – one of the first ever chamber works for electric guitar. All guitars were performed by Brady in studio for this recording.

On March 6, 2025 the work “This one is broken in pieces: Symphony #11” (from the new CD) will receive its US premiere in Baltimore, performed by the acclaimed Lorelei Ensemble. The work was premiered by Instruments of Happiness in May 2023 at la Salle Bourgie.

Two smaller guitar concerts will feature composer / performers Antoine Benoussan and Geordie Halley (Nov. 25, 2024 – Sala Rossa) and Matthew Warren Ruth and Tim Brady (March 15, 2025 – La Chapelle Scène contemporaine, with Le Vivier).

But the BIG project for the year is Brady’s ambitious new work for 100 guitars, 6 percussionists and full symphony orchestra : “La Grande Accélération: Symphonie #12” – to be premiered on March 1, 2025 at the St. Joseph’s Oratory. The work is a co-production with the SMCQ, Sixtrum the Orchestre symphonique des jeunes de la Montérégie an the Orchestre symphonique des jeunes du West Island and will be presented as part of the Festival Montréal/Musiques Nouvelles. The concert will also feature video images by artist Sylvain Marotte.

Our last production at MNM in 2019 drew an audience of 3,200 people for Brady’s “Symphony #9” for 150 electric guitars. A memorable season for Tim Brady and Instruments of Happiness.

3 new videos are available on YouTube:

- Highlights teaser from the April 2024 production of the opera “Information” (available as of Sept.)
- A 9-minute music/dance production of the work “Intentions Fragmentaires”, music by Tim Brady, choreography by Charles Brécard (available in November)
- A studio video of a new guitar quartet entitled “Contrpuncta” (check title) by emerging composer Matthew Warren Ruth (available in December)

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