



Musée Holocauste Montréal
Montreal Holocaust Museum

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« *Pianos for Peace* »
A Meaningful Concert for the Montreal Holocaust Museum
Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Montréal – Tuesday, April 4, 2017 – As part of its annual donor recognition event on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, the Montreal Holocaust Museum will host the Malek Jandali trio in concert. Jandali, an American composer and pianist of Syrian origin, is known for his dedication to children locally and internationally, namely through his foundation, Pianos for Peace. Thanks to the support of a major donor, Roslyn Margles, the Museum has been able to make this event open to the general public.



As Montrealers grow more concerned about the Syrian conflict and the people who are forced to flee, this concert will be an opportunity to discover the ancient melodies of Aleppo and the Silk Road. These works preserve and present the rich cultural and musical heritage of Syria and Levant, at a time when it is being eradicated before our eyes. Meaningful and timely collaborations such as those with the Montreal Holocaust Museum support Malek Jandali's ongoing efforts to achieve peace and promote philanthropy through art, music and

education.

Music is a universal means of communication, and this event will help strengthen links between communities and build awareness about the prevention of prejudice and racism. At the same time as the Montreal Holocaust Museum transmits the memory of the genocide of Jews during the Second World War we must reflect on the consequences of conflicts and crimes against humanity today.

Important Information :

- **Pianos for Peace - Concert by the Malek Jandali trio**
- **Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 7 :30 PM**
- **Centre Pierre Péladeau, Salle Pierre-Mercure (300 de Maisonneuve East)**
- **Tickets can be purchased at the box office of the Centre Pierre Péladeau de l'UQAM: General admission: \$ 20 / Seniors, students, volunteers: \$ 15**
- **Purchase by phone or via the Réseau Admission: General admission: \$ 27.20 / Seniors, students, volunteers: \$ 21.20**

About Malek Jandali: The Syrian-American composer and pianist Malek Jandali, born in Germany, is recognized as a leading global figure. Jandali received the 2013 GUSI International Peace Prize for his worldwide tour "The Voice of Syrian Free Children" for his dedication to peace and humanitarian causes. In 2014, he is also a recipient of the Global Music Humanitarian Award. In 2015, Carnegie Corporation of New York recognized him as "Great Immigrant" alongside





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Yo-Yo Ma and Itzhak Perlman. Jandali most recently performed at Carnegie Hall in New York. Mr. Jandali has donated his time to countless benefit events and helped to raise millions of dollars in much needed humanitarian aid for refugee children.

About the Montreal Holocaust Museum: The Montreal Holocaust Museum educates people of all ages and backgrounds about the Holocaust, while sensitising the public to the universal perils of antisemitism, racism, hate and indifference. Through its Museum, its commemorative programs and educational initiatives, the Montreal Holocaust Museum promotes respect for diversity and the sanctity of human life.

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Malek Jandali, pianist, composer and founder of *Pianos for Peace*, will be available for interviews on May 1 and 2.

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