



## Special Bulletin

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# **BIG new music news for Montreal** **BIG new music news for CANADA!**

▣ ***Major Centre for New Music announced in Montreal*** ▣  
***Headed by Groupe Le Vivier***

▣ ***400 Seat concert hall • Education centre • Artists' residence*** ▣  
***Major downtown Montreal location***

**O**n Friday, April 23, Madame Christine St-Pierre, Ministère de la culture, des communications et de la condition féminine du Québec, announced that Le Groupe Le Vivier has been given the green light to begin work on renovations of the Bibliothèque Saint-Sulpice in order to turn it into a state-of-the-art new music concert hall and education centre. The building, classed as a heritage site by the Ministère de la Culture, is located on St. Denis street in the heart of Montreal's arts and entertainment district, just steps away from the Université de Québec à Montréal, the major Berri-UQUAM metro, and many other cultural institutions. The building will house a flexible 400-seat concert hall, a residence for visiting artists, an education centre, and open flexible exhibition areas.

More importantly, Mme. St-Pierre announced that the Québec government is also committed to investing the necessary budget to complete the renovations by Sept. 2012. Initial estimates have put this investment at approximately 5 million dollars, but Mme. St.-Pierre said that the government of Québec wants to create a cultural institution with high quality facilities and that the final budget will reflect the real costs of creating a strong, permanent home for creative music in Montreal. The Québec government will retain legal ownership of this historic 1914 building but Le Vivier will be responsible for managing all aspects of the new arts centre.

## What does this mean for CNMN and its members? LOTS!

- 1) It shows the power of united social action. *Groupe le Vivier* includes Montreal's 22 principle new music groups and has worked tirelessly since 2007 to make this happen. One of the key reasons the government accepted this proposal was that we were united: everyone behind a single cause, speaking with one coherent voice. It works. If it works in Montreal, it can work in other places as well; we just need to work *together*.
- 2) *Le Vivier* will be the largest presenter of new music in Canada when it opens its doors in Sept. 2012. It can help serve as a focal point for a range of national and international touring projects and creative collaborations, projects that can then be created in collaboration with and disseminated to the rest of Canada, and internationally.
- 3) *Le Vivier* will be developing a major music education and cultural mediation component as part of its mandate in order to make creative music making more open and accessible. As these tools are developed, *Le Vivier* can share its experiences with creators across Canada, so that we can build a strong national creative music education network.

CNMN wishes to thank the Québec government for its impressive leadership role in this project, and to congratulate *Le Groupe Le Vivier*, and it's president Danielle P. Roger, for the successful creation of this major new initiative for new music in Montreal, and for all of Canada.

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### Press Releases / Press Coverage

[Quebec Government – Press Release](#)

[CBC News - Article](#)

[The Montreal Gazette - Article by Arthur Kaptainis](#)

[Radio-Canada - Article](#)

[La Presse - Article by Éric Clément](#)

[Le Devoir - Article by Frédérique Doyon](#)

### Related Web Links

[Groupe Le Vivier web site](#)

[Bibliothèque Saint-Sulpice on Google Maps](#)

1700 rue St. Denis, Montréal

*Hint: Look at the front of the building using "street view"*

Exterior photos of the building:

<http://www.imtl.org/montreal/building/Bibliothèque-Saint-Sulpice.php?id=379>