

Press release

**Celebrating 35 years of FACE School!
Composer Louis Babin to create a collective work
with Grade 10 & 11 students**

Montreal, 30 October 2009 – FACE School music department has asked Louis Babin to compose a collective work with their Grade 10 and 11 students. The work will be presented June 4, 2010 at celebrations honouring the school's 35th anniversary and promises to reflect the high level of creativity and performance skills expected of Quebec's School Reform program.

Louis Babin will act as Composer in Residence. Students will meet with Babin to suggest motifs and explore the music creation process. Together they will work to integrate these musical ideas into the finished composition. In collaborating in this manner Babin hopes to help students familiarize themselves with a composer's work process.

The FACE School orchestra performed Babin's work *Suite du promeneur* last summer as part of the Eurochestreries European Youth Symphony Orchestra Festival.

Catherine Bouchard, FACE School music teacher, noted, "The collaboration of Louis Babin, well known for both his composing and teaching skills, is a great way for our students to gain practical experience in the process of musical creation."

Louis Babin is looking forward to the project. "I believe it's crucial to demystify composing and make it accessible to students. Through our shared experimentation, I hope they will get a taste of how music is created and a clearer perspective on the often obscure role of the composer."

FACE School

Founded in 1975, FACE (Fine Arts Core Education) is a bilingual school receiving students from pre-kindergarten through secondary. Enrollment currently numbers upwards of 1,400. Located in the heart of Montreal, a city where art is held in high esteem, FACE is known for its fine arts program, built around 4 components - vocal music, instrumental music, plastic arts and theatre - taught from first year elementary through Grade 11.
http://face.csdm.qc.ca/face_english/

Louis Babin

A multi-talented artist, Louis Babin focuses primarily on composition and teaching. He has written diversely for film, television, concert, theatre and song. He is known for his teaching abilities and unparalleled technical skills with the latest music technologies, enabling him to compose with precision and speed. Website www.louisbabin.com

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