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In collaboration with Les Escales Improbables de Montréal

## Montréal Space for Life presents at the Insectarium *Musical Siestas and Musical Stopovers*



**Montréal, June 16, 2014** – This summer, as part of its “Hurry Up and Slow Down” programming, Space for Life offers, in collaboration with Les Escales Improbables de Montréal, a relaxing and poetic experience in the gardens of the Montréal Insectarium. Every Saturday afternoon beginning June 21 and throughout the summer, *Musical Siestas: Listen and Lounge with Insects* will showcase dragonflies, ladybugs and butterflies. In August, *Les Escales Sonores*, a Musical Stopover will offer musical alcoves with soundscapes to visualize the invisible. For Les Escales Improbables director Sylvie Teste, “art sheds new light on nature, intimate and open at the same time, as if we were in a large living room, far away from our daily cares and worries.”

With these two programs, the Insectarium and Les Escales Improbables invite you to come and do nothing: enjoy slow and relaxing moments, where you can look, listen and hear with your antennae fully extended.

### ***Musical Siestas: Listen and Lounge with Insects***

**Every Saturday from JUNE 21 to AUGUST 30, from 1:30 to 4 p.m.**

Every Saturday afternoon, it's time to take a break in the beautiful Insectarium garden with a Musical Siesta, where you can admire the season's loveliest insects and discover a rich program of events by Antoine Bédard, composed of eclectic music performed by musicians amid the spectators. Relax in a lawn chair or lie on the grass, admire the insects of the season and get away from the agitation of the outside world to connect to the peacefulness of nature, while discovering emerging and established artists (singers/songwriters, electronica, jazz, world music, etc.) performing intimate versions of their work.

## JUNE

21 | **Dragonflies: Stunningly beautiful iridescent insects**

[Forêt](#) – Voice and guitar

[Thanya Iyer](#) – Voice, piano, cello, bass

[Trio Huu Bac](#) – Piano, bass, erhu, quena, dan bau

28 | **Fireflies: Luminous nighttime insects**

[Zachary Gray](#) – Voice, computer, guitar

[Tristan Malavoy](#) – Voice and guitar

[Martin Tétreault](#)

## JULY

5 **Ladybugs, champions of organic pest control**

[Roger Tellier-Craig](#) – Synthesizer

[Ludo Pin](#) – Voice and guitar

[thisquietarmy](#) – Guitar and effects

12 **The Silvery Blue, a pearly butterfly with distinctive spots**

[Olivier Girouard](#)

[Boundary](#) – Synthesizer

[Zachary Gray](#) – Voice, computer, guitar

19 **The Painted Lady, a stunningly beautiful butterfly**

[Navet Confit](#) – Voice, acoustic guitar, beatbox, tape loops

[Catherine Leduc](#) – Guitar, voice, keyboards, bass, drums

[Roger Tellier-Craig](#) – Synthesizer

26 **The air ballet of a brightly coloured dragonfly**

[Thanya Iyer](#) – Voice, piano, cello, bass

[Catherine Major](#) – Voice, keyboard

[Alexis O'Hara](#) – Voice and effects

## AUGUST

2 **The harmless crane fly that looks like a huge mosquito**

[Émilie Proulx](#) – Guitar, voice, percussions, etc.

[Josianne Paradis](#) – Voice and piano

[Philippe B](#) – Voice and guitar

9 **The bumblebee, cousin of the honeybee**

[Joëlle Saint-Pierre](#) – Vibraphone, piano, guitar

[Navet Confit](#) – Voice, acoustic guitar, beatbox, tape loops

[10 000 Horses](#) – Voice, synthesizer, ukulele

16 **The red milkweed beetle, whose colour is a warning to predators**

[Josianne Paradis](#) – Voice and piano

[Olivier Alary](#)

[Tristan Malavoy](#) – Voice and guitar

23 **The cabbage butterfly, a gracious white butterfly that nasturtiums can keep away from cabbage**

[thisquietarmy](#) – Guitar and effects

[Émilie Proulx](#) – Guitar, voice, percussion, etc.

[Martin Tétreault](#)

30 **The monarch butterfly, a great migrator and king of Québec's butterflies**

[Éveline Grégoire-Rousseau](#) – Voice and harp

[Nathalie Cora](#)

[Pierre-Yves Martel](#)



\* Instruments may change depending on the artists' performance.

## ***Les Escales Sonores, a musical stopover (August)***

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Throughout the month of August, *Les Escales Sonores* gives you the chance to explore four environments where sonic art, design and nature envelop visitors as they go from one alcove to another. Their design, created especially to blend into nature, lets visitors immerse themselves completely as they take a little break.

This France-Québec co-production brings together four composers: Alexis Bellavance and Christian Calon from France, with the participation of visual artist Phil Allard; and Hervé Birolini and Philippe Le Goff from France, in collaboration with the *École supérieure des arts et du design de Reims*.

### **About Montréal Space for Life**

Space for Life comprises the Botanical Garden, Biodôme, Insectarium and Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium on one site. These four prestigious city institutions are Canada's largest nature science complex. Together, they have launched a daring, creative urban movement to rethink the ties between human beings and nature and cultivate a new way of living.

### **About Escales Improbables de Montréal**

Les Escales Improbables de Montréal, led by musician and musicologist Sylvie Teste, have developed and shared a multidisciplinary, creative and social concept of art in the lives of residents since 2004. Over the years, *Musical Siestas* and *Musical Stopovers* have delighted a number of audiences by poeticizing human beings' relationship with urban living.

#### **For more information:**

Space for Life: [espacepouurlavie.ca/en](http://espacepouurlavie.ca/en)

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